

Radical schemes unlikely to surface Tories split on 'safety first' manifesto aim

● Pressure is growing on those drafting the Conservative manifesto for the next election to abandon some of the more controversial proposals

● Despite the radicals' plea for more robust Thatcherism, many feel that, with the party riding high, it would be silly to frighten off voters

● With momentum for a June election growing, senior ministers accept they may have to sacrifice the Criminal Justice Bill to curb City frauds

● An NOP opinion poll gave the Tories a five-point lead over Labour and strengthened the hand of those wanting to go to the country in June

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

A series of "radical and unorthodox" proposals have been put to the inner circle of senior Cabinet ministers charged with drawing up the next Conservative Party manifesto, it was disclosed yesterday.

But with the Government riding high in the polls, pressure is growing on the so-called A-team, chaired by the Prime Minister, to curb the enthusiasm of her colleagues and prepare a safety-first document.

The proposals come from the 11 manifesto working groups, chaired by Cabinet ministers who have been working on their plans for the next term of Tory rule since the early autumn.

All but a handful have now submitted their final drafts

and hard bargaining is expected over the next few weeks as various secretaries of state are called before senior ministers to justify their submissions.

A leading source said: "Their ideas are very far-

parental power under which school governing bodies would replace local education authorities as the main agents of classroom policy.

But yesterday party sources were suggesting that the change in the political climate

Poll of the pollsters

Fieldwork date	Poll	Con	Lab	All/Other	Other
Dec 10-15	Gallup	41	32.5	22.5	3
Dec 10-15	NOP	41	38	21	2
Dec 27-30	MORI	39	38	21	2
Jan 9-12	Marplan	38	38	22	3
Jan 10-11	Harris	42	37	20	1
Jan 7-14	NOP	42	37	19	2

All figures in percent

reaching, but the betting is many of them will not see the light of day.

The case for a relatively bland manifesto has gathered strength since the party conference season because of the Conservative resurgence in the polls, which party sources largely attribute to the failings of the opposition parties in recent months.

It is being argued with increasing confidence in ministerial circles that with the Conservatives set to win the next election in any case, there is little point in presenting the electorate with a string of highly controversial commitments that might frighten off potential supporters.

Nevertheless the radicals, who number the Prime Minister among their most powerful supporters, are insisting that the Tories cannot ask the country for a third term unless they can convey a genuine sense of direction and base their appeal on a robust boost for full-blooded Thatcherism.

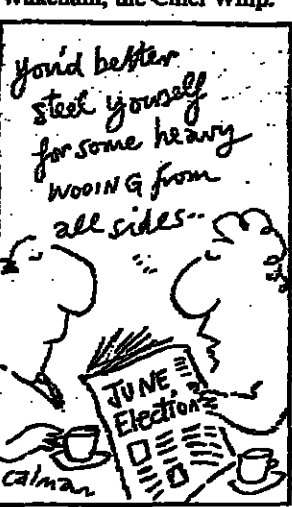
One of the few groups yet to present their plans to the A-team is the education think tank chaired by Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

It is basing its proposals on a far-reaching extension of

since last year, when the 11 groups were set up, could have a significant bearing on the final shape of the manifesto.

With the Government no longer dead in the water and trailing Labour in the polls, the case for giving it a new look with a line-up of exciting new ideas is declining.

Besides the Prime Minister, the A-team, set up in June, consists of Lord Whitelaw, Mr Norman Tebbit, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr Nigel Lawson, Mr Douglas Hurd and Mr John Wakeham, the Chief Whip.



Election fever points to June

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The possibility of a general election as early as June is now considered so live that senior ministers are prepared to contemplate the shelving of one of the centrepiece Bills of the present legislative programme.

Senior ministers responsible for getting the Government's business through Parliament have concluded that if the Prime Minister calls an election in May or June it will be impossible to pass the Criminal Justice Bill, vital to the Government's new drive to tackle City fraud, in time.

But they accept that it will have to be sacrificed if the momentum for a June election becomes irresistible.

With the latest opinion poll yesterday giving the Tories a five-point lead over Labour more ministers, some of whom were previously opposed to June and favoured October, believe that the odds are hardening on a June poll.

If Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, bows to pressure from within the Cabinet and indirectly from Mrs Thatcher to make larger tax cuts than he would personally choose on March 17, now almost certain to be his last Budget before the election, senior ministers believe that the temptation to go to the country while the memory of his largesse is still fresh could be the final impetus.

There was a mood of satisfaction among Conservative backbenchers and ministers yesterday over the findings of the NOP survey, because it has assessed the Government's popularity during the controversy over the City scandals.

The Government, alert to the potential damage to its standing of the Guinness and other affairs, has been taking every opportunity to stress its determination to root out wrongdoers.

Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, under pressure because of criticism of the Government's handling of City affairs, last night confirmed the Government's plan, first disclosed in *The Times* on Monday, to increase the maximum penalty for insider dealing from two to seven years.

In a strongly political speech to the Commons Club, Continued on page 18, col 4



The Duchess of York at the opening of an exhibition of drawings and watercolours at the Park Lane Hotel in London yesterday, wearing an up-to-the-minute version of the "new New Look". Her grey-flecked three-quarter length coat was worn over a straight black skirt, cut just above the knee. Her hair was swept back and held in place with a snood and her trademark, a large bow.

Carrington warning on Nato

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General and former Conservative Foreign Secretary, has issued a stark warning that Labour's unilateralist defence policies would lead to the break-up of the Nato Alliance if they were ever put into effect.

In a move which is likely to infuriate the Labour leadership and arouse complaints of political interference in the same way that comments by American officials have done,

Lord Carrington says in an interview with Jonathan Dimbleby, extracts from which will appear on Thames TV's "This Week" programme tonight, that the consequences of Labour's policy would be "enormously serious". He criticises Labour's plans on practical and moral grounds.

Man questioned over knife attack on girl

Police were last night still questioning a man arrested in a raid on a house in London in connection with a knife attack on Catherine Humphrey, aged 10, near her home in Kent six days ago.

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Waite 'has seen' US hostages

Beirut (AP) — Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, was reported to have met two American hostages, Mr Terry Anderson and Mr Thomas Sutherland, and their captors yesterday.

Mr Waite had failed to return to his hotel late yesterday, more than 24 hours after he left on his mission. "Waite is going to be late because he has been taken to see the hostages," said a spokesman for the Druze leader, Mr Walid Jumblatt.

Meanwhile, an anonymous telephone caller told a Western news agency in Beirut that a second West German, Herr Alfred Schmidt, a Siemens company engineer, had been kidnapped overnight.

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Ronson names Saunders in £5.8m deal

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron petrol station and property group, yesterday admitted that he had agreed a potentially illegal share deal with Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman.

He said the deal followed an approach from "eminent brokers" acting for Guinness.

In a letter to Sir Norman Macfarlane, the new Guinness chairman, Mr Ronson gives a detailed account of how his company was paid £5.8 million for an illegal arrangement to support Guinness' bid for Distillers. Enclosed with Mr Ronson's letter were two cheques from Heron making up the £5.8 million.

The payment came to light when the Guinness board discovered suspect invoices for "advice and services", which they thought could have been illegal payments by Guinness in return for support of its bid for Distillers.

There are 10 invoices altogether. Apart from the Heron one, two represent payments to companies connected to Morgan Grenfell and Sir Jack Lyons, the British adviser to Bain and Co, the US management consultants. Mr Ronson's letter details how his company bought £25 million worth of Guinness shares after an approach from "a representative of eminent brokers acting for Guinness".

Cazenove & Co, one of two broking firms acting for Guinness during the bid, enjoys a reputation for being the most blue-blooded firm in the City. The other broker acting

for Guinness was Wood Mackenzie.

Mr Ronson says he thought there was nothing "unusual or sinister" in the deal, which he thought had the approval of the Guinness board.

He says that under the deal, Heron originally bought £10 million worth of Guinness shares and agreed that it would be paid a £5 million fee if Guinness' bid were successful.

"These arrangements were expressly confirmed to me by Mr Saunders," he says.

"I did not focus on the legal implications of what had occurred, nor did it cross my mind that City advisers and business people of such eminence would be asking us to join in doing something improper."

Apart from the £5 million fee, Heron was promised that Guinness would cover it for any losses on its share purchases. These came to £800,000 and were paid by Guinness.

Mr Ronson has given full details to the Department of Trade inspectors of the deal, which appears to contravene the provisions of the Companies Act, making it a criminal offence for a company to assist someone financially in buying its own shares.

He says in his letter that after taking legal advice and in view of the publicity given to the Guinness affair, this "has left me in no doubt that I should not have succumbed to the request for support".

"I now fully appreciate the implications of our role in the matter."

Insider deals trail 'started at OFT'

By Lawrence Lever

The Government yesterday announced that the inspectors looking into insider dealing by civil servants had unearthed evidence implicating "a junior official" at the Office of Fair Trading.

The announcement came in the form of an answer to a Parliamentary written question from Mr Tim Smith, Conservative MP for Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, on the progress of the investigation.

Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in response: "The inspectors have informed me that they have uncovered no evidence implicating any public official, other than one junior official at the Office of Fair Trading, in any illegal activity."

The inspectors have discovered a chain of information passing from the junior official, a secretary, to the person who places the orders for shares.

The secretary, a married woman, passed price-sensitive information to her brother who works in the City. He, in turn, is believed to have relayed it to a woman who placed share orders.

The inspectors have been given details of two of the orders placed by the woman through Walker Cripps Weddell Beck & Co, the stockbroker. She made a profit of about £1,000 on one of the deals and a loss of about £200 on the other.

In a separate answer, Mr Channon said there was no evidence suggesting leaked information from Whitehall led to a big increase in Pilkington's share price hours before he announced BTR's £1.1 billion hostile bid would not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, writes Richard Evans.

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INSIDE Reagan to speak on Iran deal

President Reagan will discuss what he knows about the Iran arms deal scandal with a special investigating panel on Monday.

The White House spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes, said the inquiry team would conclude its investigation by February 19. The White House said it had no plans to make public Mr Reagan's statements to the panel.

Irish election

Dr Garret FitzGerald is offering voters more austerity with the slogan: "We've done the groundwork - now let's build the nation".

IN PART 2

Dollar rises

The dollar rose on market expectations that both West Germany and Japan would cut their interest rates, possibly today. The pound held steady.

Sid on target

Newly privatized British Gas, which makes almost all its profits in the winter, reported a loss of £68 million for the six months to September 30, but full-year profits should reach at least the forecast £836 million.

Becker rift

Günther Bosch, who coached Boris Becker to two successive Wimbledon men's singles championships, has parted company with the player because he is dissatisfied with his attitude.

Racing back

Horse racing resumes at Newton Abbot today after the loss of nine days and 19 meetings because of the freeze.

The key job

The tasks of the chief executive are outlined by Bert Young, chairman of an executive search company, in an introduction to today's eight-page General Appointments section.

Portfolio

● There is £8,000 to be won today in *The Times* Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount as there was no winner yesterday. ● Portfolio list, page 23; how to play, information service, page 18.

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Warning to striking BT staff

By Tim Jones

British Telecom engineers who are taking industrial action in pursuit of a pay claim were warned last night that the company was not prepared "to countenance a situation of continuing guerrilla warfare".

The warning was delivered by Mr Denis Bennett, general manager of the City of London district, which has been earmarked by the union as a prime target.

The dispute, over the rejection by the National Communications Union of a 5.02 per cent pay offer backdated to July, is becoming increasingly bitter with both sides apparently taking up entrenched positions.

Leaders of the union are claiming rises of about 10 per cent, backed by allegations that the company has become increasingly profit-motivated since being privatized.

BT's management has said its deal is worth more than double the rate of inflation but is on offer only if the union accepts changes designed to improve efficiency and service to the customer.

Yesterday, the union mounted a 24-hour strike in London which was almost 100 per cent solid while, in Scotland, more than 4,000 members, who were not due to take industrial action until today, staged a lightning walk-out after three engineers were suspended for refusing to work overtime.

Within the Stock Exchange yesterday internal telephone business was functioning normally, although calls outside were less efficient than normal.

Mob plan 'to stick PC's head on pole'

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

A marauding mob on the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham tried to sever the head of Police Constable Keith Blacklock, with the intention of putting it on a pole as a warning to other police, it was claimed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

The plan was allegedly revealed to police by a boy, then aged 14, who told officers he was being forced by others to join in the attack on the constable or face being attacked himself during the disturbances in October 1985.

Yesterday details of the boy's interviews, which were later denied, were read out at the start of his trial with two other juveniles and three adults, accused of murdering PC Blacklock. The six have all denied murder and riot and affray charges.

Mr Roy Amlot, opening the case for the prosecution, said that PC Blacklock was caught by a mob as he retreated after providing protection with other officers for firemen trying to stem a fire on the estate.

Mr Amlot said the attack had been brutal and without pity, leaving him to be recovered by police with a knife still buried in his neck and severe

damage to his jaw as though attempts had been made to decapitate him.

Mr Amlot said when the boy was questioned he told police: "I saw the policeman curled up on the grass, screaming for help. He was lying on his side. A machete hit him on the side of the head. I looked away because I felt sick."

The boy allegedly said: "They were trying to chop his head off. They said they were going to put it on a pole and plant it in the grass... in front of the police."

Mr Amlot said that the boy told police the scene had been "like a horror movie". He had watched with a friend and was seen by a person who had taken part in the attack.

The person, not named in court, felt the two watchers had seen too much and sent masked men over. The boy and his friend were taken over to where the policeman lay. The boy allegedly said that a sword was forced into his hand and he was made to make a "mark" - cutting PC Blacklock on the leg and chest.

Mr Amlot said that the boy was then told he was "cool" and was allowed to leave the scene.

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Churches heal their 400-year-old rift

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

An historic breakthrough in relations between the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches, said to solve the basic dispute which led to the Reformation in the sixteenth century, is announced today.

A joint doctrinal statement from international representatives of the two churches has unravelled the reasons behind the split of Christianity into its Catholic and Protestant parts, and declared them to be, in essence, misunderstandings over the use of language.

Today's statement from the Second Anglican Roman Catholic Commission is a dense analysis of the issues involved in the Reformation. It concludes that agreement now exists "on the essential aspects of the doctrine".

The statement repudiates the teaching of "salvation by good works", a crucial cause of the historic split, but says the Catholic Church has never held that position.

"We are agreed that this is

not an area where any remaining differences of theological interpretation or ecclesiastical emphasis, either within or between our Communions, can justify our continuing separation," the commission states.

Their conclusions are subject to ratification by the authorities of both churches. The commission reports directly to Pope John Paul II and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

It was on the insistence of Evangelicals in the Church of England, jealous of the

church's Protestantism, that the commission undertook its massive three year study.

Evangelicals have always regarded this as the key to further progress towards Anglican-Roman Catholic unity.

The commission came to the conclusion, after analysis of what each church taught, that confusion sprung from different understandings of the meanings of key words in the Bible.

The commission is now beginning a study of more practical steps towards church unity.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Irish fears over terrorist feud

Security forces on both sides of the Irish border fear more bloodshed because of a terrorist feud within the Irish National Liberation Army. Already three men have died in the past six weeks.

The murders of two men at the Rossmore Hotel at Drogheda, Co Louth in the Irish Republic on Tuesday night are part of a struggle for control of the organization which has intensified since 24 men were freed on appeal in Belfast a month ago.

The gunmen are attempting to prevent many of those released from prison regaining control of INLA and are opposed to their political-military philosophy preferring instead to concentrate on violence.

This hard-line element calling itself the Peoples' Liberation Army killed an off-duty RUC officer in South Belfast last year, attempted to murder two officers in the city centre and was responsible for the murder of a well-known Republican in West Belfast shortly before Christmas.

Hope for disabled

Mr John Major, the Minister for Social Security, has told six disability organizations that he will reconsider proposals to change allowances for the severely disabled under the new Social Security Act.

He told representatives yesterday that the Government was unclear about the figures on which the new payments to disabled people were based, and said he would consider a new proposal put forward by them. They want all the current disability allowances additional to supplementary benefit retained.

Jazz plan insolvent

The National Jazz Centre, planned for Covent Garden, central London, was compulsorily wound up in the High Court.

Mr Registrar Bradburn made the order on a petition presented by the NJC's directors, on the ground of insolvency.

The Arts Council-backed centre, whose patrons included André Previn and Yehudi Menuhin, was £1 million short to complete the project. Building work stopped after Westminster City Council began High Court action to block a grant.

Ruling on homeless

Local councils should not be obliged to provide long-standing temporary accommodation for homeless families involved in delayed legal battles to force the authority to house them, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

Mr Justice Taylor said other families in need were in that way prevented from being housed. He refused an application for judicial review by Mrs Kim Thomas, a mother of two, of Redhill, west London, who had claimed the London Borough of Hillingdon wrongly decided in August 1985 that she had become "intentionally homeless" and was therefore not entitled to council accommodation.

Dismissing the case, the judge ruled the council had acted lawfully.

Food for thought

Lord Avebury, the Liberal peer, wants to leave his corpse to the Dogs' Home, Battersea, to be cut up and fed to its inmates.

He is so determined to provide such a bizarre treat for the unwanted dogs, that he is prepared to make it a condition in his will for leaving money to the home.

The peer, who was formerly Mr Eric Lubbock, Liberal MP for Orpington, emphasized that he was serious about his bequest and it was in keeping with his recent conversion to Buddhism.

Plane fire was arson

Fuel-soaked rags and a bright orange bed quilt near a burnt-out plane have convinced Wiltshire police that last Friday's £4 million fire at the Optica spotter plane factory at Sarnam airfield, near Salisbury, was started deliberately.

Tests on the rags which were found outside a hangar housing another seven Opticas had shown that they had been dipped in a fuel not used by the company.

MP's trial 'was a plot'

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the DUP, yesterday claimed that the prosecution of Mr Peter Robinson, the MP for East Belfast, in the Special Criminal Court in Dublin was a conspiracy hatched between Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and the Irish Republic's foreign minister.

Mr Robinson, who pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful assembly arising out of a "loyalist" incursion by 500 men into the republic last August, "had as much chance of getting justice as John the Baptist had from Herod," Mr Paisley said.

He said that if Mr Robinson, deputy leader of the DUP, had been jailed by the Special Criminal Court, his defence lawyer would have applied to the Irish High Court for the sentence to be quashed on account of the bias and hostility of the bench.

He claimed that the Special Criminal Court president, Mr Justice Robert Barr, imposed a fine of Ir£15,000 on Mr Robinson, rather than six years' imprisonment because they were afraid an appeal by the defence would mean a judicial inquiry into the "attitudes and outbursts" of Mr Justice Barr during the hearing.

After defence protests Mr Justice Barr had withdrawn a description of Mr Robinson as an "extreme politician" that he had seen and heard "ad nauseum" on television.

Mr Paisley and his deputy were presenting their "analysis" of the trial last week, at which the prosecution dropped 10 other charges.

Mr Robinson said: "Technically I considered myself guilty of the assembly charge inasmuch as I was there... there was no more chance on appeal of getting anything remotely close to justice than at the original trial, so we did not proceed on that basis."

Moderate Labour party plan

An alternative Moderate Labour Party, with the hope of becoming a national force in British politics, is to be launched in Nottinghamshire, it was announced yesterday.

The Moderate Labour Party has been formed by former Labour politicians alarmed at the alleged takeover of the national party by left-wing militants.

Based in Mansfield, home of the breakaway miner's union, the Union of Democratic Miners, the Moderate Labour Party is spearheaded by Mr Michael Gallagher, a former miner who was leader of the Labour group on Nottinghamshire County Council from 1977 to 1979.

The party will be officially launched next month but it has already been decided that more than 100 candidates will contest the district council elections in Nottinghamshire in May.

MPs to see 'spy satellite' film despite BBC ban

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

The presenter of the banned BBC film which claims to expose a secret \$500 million government spy satellite project will today show a videotape of it to MPs, in defiance of instructions from the corporation.

Mr Duncan Campbell, the

New Statesman journalist who has a reputation for exposing government secrets, said yesterday that his videotape copy of the programme is now within the Palace of Westminster and is to be shown this afternoon at 3.45pm in committee room six.

Journalists are to be excluded from the screening of the film, which is understood

to disclose a top-secret project to build a surveillance satellite.

The satellite project is said to be centred on a specially built factory at Portsmouth airport, constructed by Marconi Space and Defence, and being developed in cooperation with British Aerospace and Smith Industries.

It is said to be Britain's first

effort to develop a spy satellite of the "Elint" electronic intelligence type, and described as a space-borne antenna platform designed to listen in to civilian and military radio communications.

Satellites of that type have been launched previously only by the United States and the Soviet Union.

They represent a level of

technological sophistication which some aerospace sources had thought beyond the limits of the British industry's capabilities.

Mr Campbell's programme alleges that the existence of the satellite project has been concealed from the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee, which is entitled to know of

government spending in excess of £250 million.

The programme was banned by the BBC last week on national security grounds.

On Monday night, the BBC ordered Mr Campbell to return his videotape copy of the banned programme forthwith and to cancel his plan to show it to MPs.

Baker forced to look again at teachers' pay package

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Faulty homework by officials at the Department of Education and Science is forcing the Government to reconsider the shape of the pay package it is threatening to impose on more than 400,000 teachers in England and Wales.

The central plank in the Government's refusal to accept the deal struck by a majority of teachers and local authorities has been that it does not allow for enough incentive posts for teachers of merit.

However, detailed research from the generally pro-government Professional Association of Teachers submitted yesterday to the DES, suggests that the preferred deal of Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is also prone to some of the criticisms he has levelled against the package agreed between the two sides at the headquarters of the conciliation headquarters, Acas.

Last November, Mr Baker chided the unions and the local education authorities for recommending a deal that provided incentive posts for only 80,000 teachers, a figure he said that was even lower than the numbers currently in scale three and four posts (105,000).

According to the association, which has made use of DES computer equipment to arrive at its calculations, if Mr Baker's plan is implemented, only 99,000 teachers will qualify for one of his five principal teacher allowances by October 1 this year.

Moreover, the government target of 140,000 teachers in such posts by April 1990 was more fantasy than fact, Mr Peter Dawson, the association's general secretary, said last night.

"We have had two meetings

with Mr Baker since Christmas and our findings have not been challenged on either occasion," he said.

"We have obviously put a finger on a very sensitive issue. What this means is that Mr Baker's vision of 140,000 teachers in promoted posts by April 1990 is, I'm afraid to say, flawed," he added.

The department said last night that it was looking into the matter.

If the association's figures are accepted it will carry wide implications.

Mr Baker will have a choice. Either he must find the extra money needed to create more promotion allowances, or refuse to alter his plans and stay within the original cost envelope of £608 million he has set aside for a settlement.

If he opts for the latter, his argument that his own deal offers the best career prospects for the diligent and talented teacher will appear less than convincing.

Eighteen policemen had to escort Mr Ray Honeyford from King's College, London, yesterday after demonstrators failed to prevent him from accessing a student meeting.

Mr Honeyford, Drummond Middle School, Bradford, accused of racism by the students, had been invited to address the King's College branch of the Conservative Collegiate Forum.

Referring to the protesters, Mr Honeyford said: "I think it's deplorable. There's an ugly mood in universities up and down the country. It's a denial of everything universities stand for."

Mr Honeyford is accused of being a racist because he wrote several articles on multi-ethnic education for the *Salisbury Review*, a right-wing periodical.

Owen proposes European missiles

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Dr David Owen yesterday proposed a non-ballistic missile system, preferably manufactured in co-operation with other European countries, as Britain's minimum nuclear deterrent into the next century.

The Social Democratic Party leader used a speech to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York to argue the case for Britain to modernize its nuclear capability in a way that made it independent of the United States.

In the light of President Reagan's decision to start to negotiate away all ballistic missiles with the Soviet Union over 10 years, "we can no longer be absolutely sure we will ever get Trident missiles," he said.

He made clear that his preference, politically, militarily and economically, was for missiles such as the American Tomahawks, which the United States plans to deploy heavily on submarines, surface ships and in the air, to be manufactured in Europe.

Europe, he said, had the expertise in rocketry and low flight terrain hugging guidance systems.

He said it was possible that British Aerospace might be able to manufacture such mis-

siles under contract to General Dynamics.

The independent Nuclear Installations Inspectorate yesterday declared itself content - "with reservations" - about the Central Electricity Generating Board's handling of corrosion in standpipes at the Hinkley Point nuclear power station in Somerset.

Mr Eddy Ryder, chief inspector of nuclear installations, described as "misleading" a report in *The Times* last November which in disclosing the discovery of corrosion claimed that it would jeopardise the future of Britain's 10 Magnox stations.

Mr Pearce Wright, science editor of *The Times* and author of the report, told the committee he was not reassured by the evidence of the CEBG because an explanation for the corrosion had yet to be found.

Mr Wright was questioned repeatedly about the discrepancy between his assertion that it would cost £2.7 billion to dismantle each Magnox station and the CEBG estimate of around £200 million.

He understood that the CEBG's figure covered merely the "entombment" of the reactors.

A glass of iced water with your meal?



Staff from a St John's Wood, London, restaurant

queue for water from a stand-pipe, typical victims of the cold spell's frozen pipes and burst water mains. But their plight is nothing to that of the many elderly who die in winter.

A report on new housing standards commissioned by the government calls for better insulation and heating standards to combat the "unacceptably high" winter death-rate of the elderly.

There are 40,000 more deaths in winter than in

summer, and comparison with other countries suggests that this excess "is to a great extent preventable", the report says.

It was compiled for the Department of Environment by Dr David Mant, of Oxford University's department of community medicine and Dr Muir Gray, of Oxfordshire district health authority.

Tighter insulation standards should be set under the building regulations to prevent what Dr Mant describes as the "national disgrace" of hypothermia deaths.

The report was commissioned to advise the DoE on what changes should be made to the building regulations, currently under review, to make new buildings healthier places to live in.

The DoE says insulation levels are likely to be stepped up when the new regulations come into force, probably next year.

Welcoming the report's conclusion, Mrs Stan Jones of the organisation Age Concern said that it "confirmed what

we have been saying for years".

However she expressed doubts about how successful it would be in combatting the misery of the elderly in winter.

The vast majority live in older dwellings, where insulation standards fall under the Department of Energy's umbrella.

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Anderton avoids royal visit

By Ian Smith and Michael Evans

Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, decided not to escort the Duchess of Gloucester yesterday during her visit to Manchester.

Because the visit happened as he prepared to meet senior Home Office officials today, Mr Anderton feared that media attention would focus on him and mar the occasion for the Duchess and the organization she was visiting.

In a statement, Mr Anderton spoke of the inordinate press attention to which he was being subjected and of his belief that the media would cover the royal visit solely to photograph and attempt to interview him.

"Mr Anderton will not be taking part in the visit because he does not wish to subject Her Royal Highness to any embarrassment nor spoil a memorable day for those organizations which are being visited," the statement said.

The Home Office officials will today tell Mr Anderton,

aged 54, that he must sort out his running battle with his police authority. He has been summoned for a special meeting with Sir Lawrence Byford, the Chief Inspector of Constabulary, and Mr Michael Partridge, the head of the police department.

The meeting comes after representations by Mr Stephen Murphy, chairman of the Greater Manchester Police Authority, which is deeply concerned at the effects of Mr Anderton's recent public statements.

Mr Murphy first took Mr Anderton to task over a speech on Aids, when the former Methodist lay preacher referred to a "cesspool" of immorality. Mr Murphy believed he had won an understanding from him to refrain from further contentious public comment without first consulting the authority.

However, in a Radio 4 interview on Sunday, Mr Anderton said he believed he might be a prophet chosen by

God. Mr Murphy immediately asked for a meeting with Home Office officials, who he hopes will order Mr Anderton to end his crusade or resign.

Mr John Stalker, deputy chief constable, was chosen as stand-in for the royal visit, during which the Duchess opened a Women's Royal Voluntary Service hostel and visited one of the country's first alcohol-free public houses for teenagers.

Mr Stalker was the subject of much media attention during a traumatic year in which he was removed from an inquiry into an alleged shoot-to-kill policy by the Royal Ulster Constabulary, then suspended pending an inquiry into claims that he brought the force into disrepute by associating with known criminals. He was cleared.

Mr Stalker retires from the force on March 14, and will join the management team of the Mersey Television Company, which produces the *Brookside* series on Channel 4.

Inquiry into award of £220m MoD contract

By Our Political Reporter

A parliamentary inquiry is to be conducted into the award by the Ministry of Defence of a £220 million contract for battlefield ammunition transporters.

The contract for the vehicles, known as Drops, was given jointly to Seammex and Foden shortly before Christmas amid a mounting political furor over the alleged mistreatment of a third company, Boughton, which had pioneered such transporters.

The defence select committee announced yesterday that it is to investigate what Sir Ian Gilmour, a former Conservative defence sec-

retary, Sir Ian Gilmour, described at the time as "a scandal which will not be allowed to rest".

Specific allegations likely to be examined are that Boughton was unfairly excluded from the selection process, that its patented ideas were passed on by the MoD to its competitors, and that it was subsequently subjected to pressure not to make a fuss on pain of losing further MoD contracts.

The MoD has denied the claims but has agreed to an investigation by experts into the allegation of breached patents.

Thatcher fury over immunity in sex case

By Michael Evans
Whitehall Correspondent

The Prime Minister is understood to be furious that the Americans refused to waive diplomatic immunity in the case of Mr James Myers Ingley, husband of a member of the staff at the US embassy in London, who had been accused of a serious sexual offence against a girl aged six.

Full details of the allegations which the girl made to the police were given to Number 10 by the Foreign Office on Tuesday morning.

But in her statement to the Commons that afternoon, Mrs Thatcher said that the alleged incident involved an indecent exposure.

However, Foreign Office officials yesterday said the police report disclosed that Mr Ingley had been accused of a much more serious offence, which, while not involving an assault, meant the girl had to undergo "a quite revolting act".

Yesterday Mr Ingley, speaking from his home in Silver Spring, Maryland, denied the girl's claims that he had subjected the girl to a serious sexual act.

Although the file is now closed on the case, the diplomatic rumpus it caused fully emerged yesterday. Foreign Office sources disclosed that as soon as the police report on the case was passed to the Protocol Department, the US embassy was telephoned, on December 20, 1985. This was followed up on December 23 by a formal letter from Mr Eustace Gibbs, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and head of the Protocol Department, seeking a waiver of diplomatic immunity.

'Mountain rescue' for old begins

By Howard Foster

The first supplies from Britain's EEC "butter mountain" were released yesterday as part of a government attempt to use surplus food to help the old and needy during the bad weather.

"Cold Aid", as the operation is being called, was launched under the watchful eye of Mr John Gummer, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who saw the first 25-kilogramme block of butter to be removed from one of the 98 secret storage depots around the country.

At least seven charities and voluntary organizations are working with the Government to assess the need for butter and beef among old people affected by the prolonged cold spell.

"I hope that the first supplies will be distributed early next week," Mr Gummer said yesterday. "The give-away is likely to continue until the end of March and will involve thousands of tonnes of butter and beef. People who will receive it include those on supplementary benefits and residents in hostels."

Charities and voluntary organizations working with the Government include: Age Concern, The Salvation Army, the Church Army, Help the Aged, Red Cross, Women's Royal Voluntary Service and the National Council for Voluntary Organizations.

The butter, bought at EEC intervention prices from farmers, is stored at -25C. It will be three days before the first slabs are manageable.

Although the Government keeps the exact whereabouts of the cold stores a secret in case of national emergency, the House of Commons was told last month of the main towns and cities where the "mountains" are kept.

The largest butter stores are in Bristol (17,745 tonnes) and Liverpool (22,293 tonnes). London has a mere 4,137 tonnes.

While the butter mountain has increased by 25 per cent in the past 12 months, the stocks of intervention beef have dwindled, largely due to the selling off of thousands of tonnes to Brazil. Beef with the bone in weighs 15,536 tonnes. Boneless cuts weigh 32,492 tonnes.

The main warehouses for the beef in Britain are located in Hull (4,293 tonnes), Aberdeen (3,136 tonnes) and Craigavon, Northern Ireland, with 12,114 tonnes.

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Blakelock murder trial is told of death threats screamed at officers

Merciless mob 'tried to hack off PC's head'

By Stewart Tessler, Crime Reporter

Police Constable Keith Blakelock died during the Tottenham disturbances after being stabbed and slashed more than 50 times by a mob which pounced on him when he fell over, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

One of the mob of up to 50 people was seen to strike with a machete and another used a piece of drainage pipe.

The court was told that the attack had been merciless. The officer, aged 40, had no chance and it was clear the aim was to murder him.

When police reached their colleague lying on open ground at the Broadwater Farm estate, a knife was still buried six inches into the back of his neck. One wound had splintered the lower jaw, penetrating the entire thickness of the bone as if to cut off his head. His police overalls had been punctured 54 times by stab wounds.

The catalogue of injuries was read out yesterday by the prosecution at the start of the trial of three adults and three juveniles who deny the policeman's murder in October 1985 and also deny riot and affray charges.

The adults are: Winston Silcott, aged 27, a greengrocer of Maresfield, Broadwater Farm; Mark Braithwaite, aged 19, unemployed, of Canbury Villas, Islington, north London; and Engin Raghip, aged 20, unemployed, of Partridge Way, Wood Green, north London.

The juveniles are aged 16, 15 and 15. The 16-year-old has denied making petrol bombs and throwing one at a policeman. Mr Raghip denied making petrol bombs.

Mr Roy Amlot, opening the case for the prosecution, told the jury that trouble at Broadwater Farm began the day after the "regrettable death" of Mrs Cynthia Jarrett.

Police and firemen began to retreat for the safety of their vehicles and PC Blakelock was one of the last to run. Mr Amlot said it looked as though the constable slipped on the grass and fell.

About 50 people pounced on him. Several were seen to kick him and move on, Mr Amlot said. One policeman saw hands going up and down in motion. Another saw about 25 people around the body, and seven or eight were lunging up and down.

PC Blakelock's helmet was removed and he had suffered severe head injuries. Mr Amlot said: "The attack on

during a police raid in Tottenham in October 1985.

Mr Amlot said whatever the rights and wrongs of that incident nothing could justify "the appalling violence" of the next day.

People on the estate were apparently inflamed by what they thought had been heavy-handed police action and believed police were responsible for the death.

Early on the evening of October 6, attempts to maintain calm failed and "an ugly riot" broke out. Unlike other riots, it had the peculiar characteristic that policemen were almost exclusively the target for attack, Mr Amlot said. A total of 250 officers were injured but only seven casualties were reported.

PC Blakelock and 11 other officers were called to provide protection for firemen planning to put out a fire in a looted supermarket in the Tangmere block on the estate.

As the firemen started to play water on the fire they came under attack from youths. Others were streaming around the building and from other parts of the estate.

Mr Amlot said that "word had obviously got round" and a bell was heard, which may have been a signal.

The police and firemen retreated and as they did so they were attacked by a mob, many of them armed and masked. The mob tried to get over the police shields which the officers carried. They had swords, javelins and stakes with knives attached. Mr Amlot said that one was seen trying to light a "flame thrower".

He said members of the mob screamed: "This is the Farm. You must be mad. You'll never get out alive."

By the time 18 police and firemen had reached open ground on the estate, between 100 and 200 people were



The scene at Broadwater Farm, Tottenham, in October 1985 as police tried to contain the disturbances and looting



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that lone officer was brutal and without pity. He had no chance. It is clear they were intent on murdering him."

Eventually police reached the wounded constable. He managed to walk a few steps, then collapsed and died. His injuries included eight wounds to the head caused by a machete or axe-like weapon. There was a gaping wound across the right side of his head caused by a blow or blows from a machete which had splintered the lower jaw and penetrated the bone as if to sever his head.

He had half a dozen wounds to his face and 14 wounds to his back. There were wounds on his hands and heavy abrasions to his shoulders from kicking or stomping. Mr Amlot said nothing could have been done to save his life.

Mr Amlot said that when police interviewed the defendants the 16-year-old told police he had kicked and cut the officer's face as he lay on the ground. He wiped the knife and gave it to someone else.

Mr Raghip allegedly told police he saw the attack on the constable and it was "like when you see a man in a film with dogs on him". The policeman had tried to protect himself and the people

attacking him had been knocking each other over to reach him.

When Mr Braithwaite was interviewed by police, Mr Amlot said, he told them: "All I want to say is I hit him with a bar." The defendant had also given the impression that the policeman he had hit may not have been PC Blakelock.

Before the case opened yesterday, a jury sworn in at the beginning of the week was discharged. Mr Justice Hodgson said he would not go into the reasons.

A second jury was selected and the judge warned them of the public interest in the case and of the need not to talk

Youth was forced to attack, jury told

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In another interview with police, the boy allegedly said he was taken into the double ring of people around the policeman and told that he should attack PC Blakelock or "they would do him".

Later the boy had made a fresh statement, denying what he had said and claiming that the police had put pressure on him and told him he would be allowed home. In this statement he said had not been at the scene of the constable's death.

Mr Amlot described a police interview with another defendant, Winston Silcott, aged 27, a greengrocer from the estate, who was accused by a senior detective of being a ringleader.

Mr Silcott, known as "Sticks", was told by a detective chief superintendent that police believed he had attacked PC Blakelock on the ground with either a machete or a sword.

Mr Silcott allegedly said that the police only had the word of "kids" who would not be believed. Asked about the policeman's death, Mr Silcott allegedly told police there was not enough evidence to accuse him. Witnesses would not go to court and no one else would talk to police.

Asked about what happened to weapons used in the disturbances, Mr Silcott allegedly told police: "You are too slow. You find them."

Told again that police believed he had been a ringleader, he allegedly said: "They won't give evidence against me. No one will give evidence against me."

BBC accused of ignoring advice on crane stunt

The BBC went ahead with plans to allow a member of the public to perform a dangerous stunt despite being advised against it by experts, an inquest jury was told yesterday.

Mr Rodney Corner, the North Buckinghamshire Coroner, said the Dangerous Sports Club, which regularly performs the stunt of jumping from a great height while attached to an elastic rope, had "advised very firmly" against allowing Mr Michael Lush to perform the stunt live on Noel Edmonds's *Late Late Breakfast Show* on BBC TV.

Mr Lush, aged 25, an unemployed labourer, of Hobb Lane, Hedge End, near Southampton, Hampshire, died on November 13 last year, while training for the stunt at Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire.

Mr Corner told the inquest at Milton Keynes that the stunt involved Mr Lush being hoisted 120 to 130 feet into the air by a crane while inside a metal box and attached to it by an elastic bungee rope.

At a given signal he was to press a button which would retract footrests in the bottomless box and he was to fall towards the ground. His fall would be arrested by the rope.

It was during a training session for the stunt, due to be screened live two days later, that he plunged to the ground and died shortly afterwards at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Buckinghamshire.

When Mr Lush was hoisted up by the crane, the bungee rope was attached to the box by a carabiner clip of the kind used by mountaineers.

As he fell, the bungee rope was seen to fall down with the carabiner.

"There was no safety net, as I understand it. There was nothing to break his fall. It resulted in death very shortly afterwards."

Miss Alison Toop, aged 23, Mr Lush's girl friend, sat in the packed courtroom beside

the dead man's mother, Mrs Vera Lush, and heard the coroner tell the jury that she had submitted his name as a candidate for one of the programme's stunts.

The stunt, called "Hang'em High" was part of the programme's Whirly Wheel Challenge and Mr Lush had been selected from an original list of thousands of applicants.

Mr Corner said: "I have no doubt that Mr Lush perhaps felt a great degree of apprehension that afternoon and I have no doubt that he thought all proper precautions would be taken."

"It is a very brave man who says later: 'I have had second thoughts about doing the stunt'."

Noel Edmonds is in Australia but a statement was read in which he said that to the best of his knowledge the candidates were selected entirely at random.

The jury is to be taken to view the crane used for the stunt and will be shown film shot by the BBC showing what happened when a dummy of the same weight as Mr Lush was used.

Although the rope was seen to hit the carabiner clip, it did not cause it to open.

Mr Lush's mother, Mrs Vera Lush, told the jury her son had been apprehensive.

And she said that on the eve of his death, he met Mr Paul Matthews, a stuntman, in a pub and asked him: "You are not going to smash me all over the pavement in front of thousands of viewers, are you?"

She said Mr Matthews, who was responsible for training Mr Lush, had laughed and said it was safer than making a parachute jump.

Both Miss Toop, of Fairfield Drive, Romsey, Hampshire, and Mr Lush's mother had told the jury that there was no possibility that he wanted to kill himself.

The inquest continues

Toy engine recalled in lead scare

Thousands of Thomas the Tank Engine toys have been recalled from shops after tests found the lead content in the paint was up to ninety times the legal level.

Magistrates at Honiton, Devon, were told yesterday that shops throughout Britain had been selling the £1.99 toys, based on the children's book character, after 130,000 were imported from China in 1985.

The importer, ERTL (UK), of Marsh Barton Trading Estate, Exeter, was fined the maximum £2,000 for each of two offences of contravening toy safety regulations under the Consumer Protection Act.

The company pleaded guilty and asked for nine similar offences to be considered. ERTL (UK) was also ordered to pay £1,400 costs. Magistrates adjourned until March 4 a prosecution application for the forfeiture of 45,000 toys stored.

Mr Seddon Cripps, for the defence, said: "We have now identified all the bad stock. Anybody who buys them now can be totally sure it is a safe product."

Prisoner harboured by officer

A woman prison officer who harboured an escaped inmate for more than a week was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, yesterday.

Sheila Davies, aged 26, had developed a relationship of "mutual warmth and affection" with Yvonne Taylor, aged 33, who escaped from Drake Hall women's open prison, Ecclestone, Staffordshire, early last year, Birmingham Crown Court heard.

Davies, a divorcee, of Francis Close, Penkridge, near Stafford, pleaded guilty to harbouring a prisoner, intending to prevent her being taken into custody.

The officer, who will now have to leave the prison service, refused to comment.

The court had been told that after absconding, Taylor contacted Davies at her home and was eventually allowed to stay.

Mr Stephen Linehan, for the prosecution, said other officers became suspicious and two of them followed Davies after work but she shook them off and warned Taylor.

Plea for nurses to prescribe

By Jill Sherman

The Royal College of Nursing has called for changes in the law to allow nurses to prescribe drugs in doctors' surgeries and during home visits.

In its response to the government's green paper on primary health care, the RCN says nurses should be able to prescribe dressings and medications which include wound dressings, common painkillers, insulin, oxygen, contraceptives and eye care products.

The college also proposes that community nurses should be able to vary the timing and dosage of pain relief drugs for the terminally ill.

At the moment even though a nurse may have more specialist knowledge of the patient than the GP, she has to wait for the doctor to do the paperwork.

Evidence taken from nurses during the consultation period showed that some were already illegally prescribing.

The RCN's recommendations fully endorse those laid down in the Cumberlege Nursing Review which was put out for consultation with the Green Paper. The report, written by Mrs Julia Cumberlege, a health authority chairman, advocated a community model with a neighbourhood nursing team, and suggested that community nurses should be able to prescribe certain items.

But in its response the RCN rejected the model of primary health care proposed in the Green Paper itself, which it described as "a service to be delivered by independent contractors acting as small businesses, based on financial incentives to provide services to individual consumers."

It also criticises the green paper for failing to include proposals on essential primary health care such as mental health services, the care of handicapped and disabled people and occupational health services.

Poets and journalists join Baker's review team

By John Clare Education Correspondent

Poets, writers, broadcasters and journalists have been appointed to a committee that is to carry out a wide-ranging inquiry into the teaching of English and make recommendations for its improvement.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, who made the appointments, has made it clear that he expects the findings to have a profound effect on the teaching of English in primary and secondary schools.

The committee, chaired by Sir John Kingman, Vice-Chancellor of Bristol University, includes Peter Levi,

professor of poetry at Oxford; P J Kavanagh, the poet and novelist; the critic, Antonia Byatt; Robert Robinson, the broadcaster; Keith Waterhouse, a journalist and playwright; and Brian Cox, professor of English literature at Manchester University and president of the National Council for Educational Standards.

Other members of the 15-strong Kingman committee include teachers, educationists, an industrialist and a professor of applied linguistics.

Mr Baker said yesterday that he wants the inquiry team to recommend in detail what children of all ages and abilities should know about literature and grammar. In particular, he wants them to set attainment targets so that pupils, teachers and parents will know what should have been covered by the ages of seven, 11 and 16.

He said the committee's recommendations, which he hopes to have within a year, would be a prototype for the national curriculum he is hoping to implement if the Conservatives win the next election.

Mr Baker described his objective as the "retroduction of rigour". He said attainment targets had been opposed for the past 20 years on the "egalitarian" ground

that no one should be able to achieve them. He believes will be popular with parents and many teachers.

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who could not achieve them. He believes will be popular with parents and many teachers.

"There is a general feeling of wanting to go back to the basics and the older standards," he said.

Unlawful killing verdict on patient

A hospital patient who died after being given the wrong drug was unlawfully killed, an inquest jury decided yesterday.

The hearing at Westminster was adjourned last March when Dr Paul Knappman, the coroner, sent the papers to the Director of Public Prosecution who decided to take no action. He will be informed of the jury's verdict.

The resumed hearing was told yesterday that Mr Richard Mallon, aged 83, of Aida Court, Maidea Vale, north London, died of pneumonia aggravated by the drug pethidine.

The effect could have been reversed by another drug, naloxone, but the mistake was not reported to doctors by nurses on the ward at St Charles's Hospital, Ladbroke Grove, and naloxone was not given.

Mrs Valerie Jones, director of nursing services, said an internal inquiry had disclosed that nurses had not followed hospital procedure under which two nurses should check drugs and the identity of each patient.

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Workman's fatal slip

An asphalt company faces prosecution by the factory inspectorate at Mylestone Magistrates Court in London tomorrow after one of its workmen dropped a bucket of asphalt from a building site which killed a woman passer-by.

St Pancras Coroner's Court was told yesterday that workers belonging to Anglo As-

phalt of Rayleigh in Essex had been involved in several safety incidents on the site at Cumberland Mansions, Seymour Place, Paddington, west London before Mrs Heath Aikin, aged 42, of Finchley Road, St John's Wood, north-west London died.

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PARLIAMENT

Mellor rejects EEC move

The Government believed some system of regulating trans-frontier broadcasting was needed, but draft legislation of the kind being proposed by the EEC Commission was not the appropriate method, Mr David Mellor, Minister of State, Home Office, said when opening a short debate on the subject in the Commons late on Tuesday.

The matter had not yet come to a vote, but if it did so then Britain would not shrink from voting against it, he said, when successfully moving a motion taking note of the relevant EEC documents and stating that the Government believed the proposed Council of Europe Convention on broadcasting provided the most appropriate means of ensuring the flow of television programmes across frontiers in Europe.

Refugees from Vietnam

Britain was consulting other major resettlement countries that were taking refugees from Vietnam to see what further could be done about the plight of refugees in Hong Kong, Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said during Commons questions. Such consultations were also taking place with the United Nations.

The continuing arrival of refugees from Vietnam was a matter of great concern to the Hong Kong people and Government. On January 1, there were 8,639 in the colony, of whom 4,527 were in closed camps.

Russians must withdraw

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, told the Commons at question time that he had made plain to the Soviet Ambassador, whom he had invited to the Foreign Office on Tuesday afternoon, that any move to end the war in Afghanistan must at the end of the day lead to a government in Kabul that was genuinely representative of all the Afghan people and not just the Communist Party. It would also have to lead to the early and complete withdrawal of Soviet troops.

Nuclear power from France

Viscount Davidson, a government spokesman on energy, said at question time in the House of Lords that French nuclear power stations had provided a great deal of the electricity used to warm British homes during the cold spell.

He had received no protests from anti-nuclear protesters about this, he said.

Ulster Aids

Lord Lyell, Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said that four cases of Aids had been confirmed so far in the province. A further 30 people were known to have the virus - half of them haemophiliacs.

TV for No 10

There are 13 television sets in use in 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister said in a written reply. No licence fees were payable for sets on Crown property used for government purposes, she said.

Trade help

During the six months of British presidency of the EEC up to the end of December, 48 individual measures were agreed or adopted to help remove barriers to trade within the Community, Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, said in a written reply.

Ex-minister warns of US knowledge of Navy secrets

DOCKYARDS

A warning about American citizens having direct contact with Britain's nuclear propulsion systems and the SSN hunter-killer submarine refitting capability at Devonport dockyards at Devonport was given in the Commons by Mr Keith Speed (Ashford, C), former Under-Secretary of State for the Royal Navy.

He said such contact would mean Britain being considerably disadvantaged from a defence and a commercial point of view. He pointed out that no non-American citizens were allowed any contact with US Navy nuclear propulsion systems.

Mr Archibald Hamilton, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said that it was quite possible that US personnel might be involved but they would be security cleared.

The exchanges took place after Mr Hamilton had confirmed, in response to a private notice question, that a British subsidiary of an American company was part of the preferred consortium in line for the contract to manage the Devonport dockyard.

Mr Martin O'Neill, an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said the workforce was being reduced to 2,000 and slaves to be handed over or sold off to the Americans and he sought reassurance in the wake of press reports predicting up to 4,000 redundancies.

In his statement, Mr Hamilton said: The Secretary of State for Defence (Mr George Younger) announced yesterday that the Government is now satisfied that there exists the basis for an advantageous contract to be placed for the future operation of Devonport dockyard by Devonport Management Limited, which is a company formed by Brown and Root (UK) Limited, the Weir Group PLC and Barclays de Zoete Wedd Ltd.

All three companies in the consortium are British but Brown and Root is a UK subsidiary of the US Halliburton company. The upper limit which will set for foreign shareholding in the companies bidding for the contract was 30 per cent.

In determining whether or not a particular shareholding should be considered foreign account is taken of the parent companies. On that basis, Brown and Root's share in Devonport Management Ltd has been set at 30 per cent.

The House will recall that in our paper to the trades unions of December 4 we announced our preferred contractor for Rosyth. Mr Younger is at this moment chairing a meeting with general secretaries of eight unions to hear their views on that paper, before he takes a final decision.

In forwarding the paper on Devonport to the unions yesterday, he proposed a meeting with them on February 13 to discuss that paper. No contract has yet been placed, and he has said that he will only do so when the unions have had an opportunity to give him their views.

Mr O'Neill said that the Opposition was very disappointed with the minister's statement and the people of Devonport would also be disappointed.

Would the minister confirm a story in *The Western Mail* today that the number of redundancies likely to follow from this change of contractor would be about 4,000?

Would he also confirm that Brown and Root had only a 30 per cent share, the highest possible share they could have, given that they were American-owned and their secondary position in the consortium was little more than a financial fiction?

They would really be in the lead in the consortium.

Could he give some information as to why Lazards withdrew at the last possible moment only yesterday morning from the consortium and was replaced by Barclays de Zoete Wedd?

The workforce at Devonport would be engaged almost beyond belief by this American takeover of their dockyard. These were loyal men who had served Queen and country for decades. Yet they were now being reduced to chattels and slaves to be handed over to the Americans. The workforce was being sold off and it would be opposed by the workforce and by the Opposition.

Mr Hamilton said the question of Lazards' withdrawal must be the concern of the consortium. There had been changes in the makeup of all the different consortiums bidding for this contract.

The level of foreign shareholding for companies had been set at 30 per cent. If one shareholder exceeded that the Secretary of State had the power to end the contract where the circumstances were contrary to the essential interests of security.

But not every holding of 29 per cent would be acceptable and not every holding of 31 per cent would be unacceptable. There could be cases where even a tiny foreign holding would be unacceptable and cases where holdings of more than 30 per cent were acceptable.

The protection of security was paramount.

Devonport Management Ltd was a List X company and it had to satisfy stringent security requirements. There were many foreign firms that satisfied these rules.

Regarding manpower, in a paper issued in September the Government said that under this option there were likely to be redundancies over seven years of 5,000 jobs at Rosyth and 1,200 at Rosyth. Those conclusions had been based on assumptions about improvements in efficiency. It was significant that the preferred contractors believed that their management, reductions would be measurably less.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP) said it seemed unlikely that the complicated essential arrangements could be completed by the proposed vesting date, so would the minister give an assurance that he would delay the takeover until all the problems had been sorted out?

Mr Hamilton said that the vesting date was April 6 and the Government had every hope of being able to meet it.

Mr Peter Emery (Hendon, C) sought an assurance that the Government's major concern was the essential and successful future operation of the dock.

Mr Hamilton said he would give that assurance. He also agreed it was true that Brown and Root was bringing in great expertise from outside.

Devonport would remain the most important dockyard dealing with Royal Navy refitting and it was an essential part of Britain's capacity.

Mr Michael Foot (Blakenau, Gwent, Lab) said this proposal, as originally put to the House, was bitterly opposed in different sections of the House and would have been all the more bitterly opposed if it had been suggested that a very powerful foreign holding was to have a part in the final result.

Mr Foot said he cannot give that assurance. The House has made its position clear. I do not share Mr Foot's paranoia about anything to do with Americans. Brown and Root will have a great contribution to make to the management of the dockyard.



Mr Archibald (Jack Tar) Hamilton bids the Americans welcome to Scotland.

Labour MP urges resettlement grant for Falkland Islanders

FALKLANDS

A resettlement grant for people in the Falklands, giving them the option to emigrate or remain under the terms of a negotiated settlement with Argentina, was urged by a backbench Labour MP during Commons questions, but rejected by the Government.

Mr Denis Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said he was spending a third of a million pounds a year for every Falkland resident, and will have spent nearly £2 million since 1982 on every Falkland islander. He said that if the islanders were to be resettled, it is not about time we considered some sort of resettlement grant for people there, giving them the option of staying or emigrating from those islands under a negotiated settlement with Argentina?

Mr Campbell-Savours said: The minister agreed with Mr William Walker (North Tayside, C), who said that in a world where democracy was in a minority, it would be a mistake ever to give up "because the balance sheet shows we cannot afford it".

Mr Denis Canavan (Falkirk, West, Lab): Will the Government take steps to settle Sir Rex Hunt in a remote territory because, despite having been deprived of his colonial governor's hat, he is strutting around all over the place, making stupid statements and doing his best to torpedo any chance of an agreement?

Mr Eggar Sir Rex gave distinguished service in the Falkland Islands. I am amazed that Mr Canavan believes in curtailing freedom of speech.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C): That last question is typically most mischievous. There is no question of the islanders leaving if they do not wish. Whose side is he on? Britain's or Argentina's?

Earlier, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said that he would not negotiate with Argentina with sovereignty on the agenda.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds West, L) said that it would be in accordance with the best traditions of British diplomacy and foreign policy to have been prepared to make a detailed response to the Argentine approach of November 17, since there had been a change to democracy in that country, to engage in discussions leading to a solution to an intractable problem which was costing Britain millions of pounds a year.

S Africa decision defended

Mr Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, defended during Commons questions a Government decision to support a South African arms embargo.

Mr Chalker said that the Government's decision to support a South African arms embargo was a decision taken by two South African MPs. To try to influence events could not be a bad thing.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) had asked if he believed that Britain's reputation in Europe and elsewhere had been seriously damaged by the Foreign Office's spending taxpayers' money on inviting to Britain representatives of a country which had detained hundreds of people and had launched a campaign of acts against neighbouring states.

Mr Chalker said such visits to exchange information were made widely available to many people with whom the Government would not necessarily agree.

EEC should take a 'more public arms control line'

It would be wise for the European Economic Community to take a much more public and consistent line on important issues of arms control which were discussed largely between the United States and the Soviet Union, Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said during Commons questions.

He asked the Foreign Secretary why the Prime Minister had not followed the lead of Chancellor Kohl of West Germany in deploring President Reagan's decision to violate the Salt 2 agreement and welcoming Mr Gorbachev's decision not to follow the President's lead.

Second, the European countries had a consistent and common view on the Strategic Defence Initiative, different from that of the American administration.

Could Sir Geoffrey Howe allow some of the dissent on the Labour benches and elsewhere at the Prime Minister's recent retreat from her initial Camp David agreement about SDI with President Reagan? Did the British Government unequivocally expect the United States to observe the anti-ballistic missile treaty in its Star Wars initiative?

Amid Tory interruptions, Mr Healey declared: These are possibly the most important issues which this or any government is likely to face in the next few years.

He went on to ask if the Foreign Secretary would seek agreement from his European Community colleagues to take an initiative towards getting a ban on nuclear tests by seeking agreement by stages which would progressively limit the yield and frequency of such tests.

Parties offer Aquino support

FOREIGN OFFICE

Strong support for President Aquino and his government in their efforts to consolidate democracy and to bring about national reconciliation in the Philippines was reaffirmed by Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, during question time in the Commons.

He said Britain fully supported the process of negotiation in which the President was engaged and her efforts to bring things back to a fully democratic state.

Since she came to office Britain had already doubled its bilateral aid for the current year to £425,000 and was planning to increase it to £544,000 for the following year.

There were protests when Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C) said the so-called President of the Philippines had lost the election and so had not been legitimately elected.

Mr Renton thought such comments were unhelpful.

He pointed out that a plebiscite would be held next month on the new constitutional developments and this would give the people of the Philippines the opportunity to deliver a verdict on the reforms.

Mr Dennis Anderson, an Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, said he had recently returned from visiting the Philippines.

He said that Labour, unlike "the Marcos tendency" on the Conservative side, fully supported President Aquino's efforts to strengthen democracy.



Geoffrey Smith

A few days ago Mr David Steel was reflecting once again about what would happen in a hung Parliament. "If we have to seek agreement with the Tories", he told an Alliance rally in Bristol, "it would be under a fresh leader more suited to the task". So, not for the first time, the Liberal leader has virtually ruled out Mrs Thatcher as the Prime Minister of any coalition.

I believe that this is doubly unwise. The less important reason is that it is not consistent with what the David has been saying. Dr Owen has been careful not to exclude a deal with any particular Conservative or Labour leader: he has always maintained that it is policies that matter rather than personalities.

Freedom to move is restricted

For Mr Steel to be giving a different impression offers a false impression of the Alliance's position. It strengthens the doubts as to whether the Liberals and the Social Democrats would still be facing the same way in a hung Parliament.

But the more serious criticism of Mr Steel's comment is that it will restrict the Alliance's freedom of manoeuvre if it holds the balance of power. If it is to preserve the option of a deal with the Conservatives it cannot afford to rule out in advance the idea of co-operating with Mrs Thatcher.

Any thought that the Alliance could simply pick the Conservative of its choice is nonsense. It might prefer, say, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr Douglas Hurd or Mr Kenneth Baker. But the chances would be remote that any of them would be prepared to treat with the Alliance without having been authorized to do so by his party. It would also be equally hard to know if any of them could deliver enough Conservative support unless he had first been elected party leader.

The Queen could always invite a Conservative who was not party leader to form a government in the belief that he would be best placed to create a coalition.

Yet there would still be the difficulty of knowing if he could deliver enough Conservative support, and it is highly unlikely that the Palace and some sufficiently prominent Conservative would collaborate to undermine a sitting party leader in this way.

But would there not automatically be a new Conservative leader if the Government were to lose the election? That would be a reasonable assumption if Labour wins an outright majority. If there is a hung Parliament, though, Mrs Thatcher may well want to build on.

While expressing her distaste for conditions in a radio phone-in the other day, she was careful not to rule one out - "it may be too late to do so; sometimes it has been done in the past". She at least is not foreclosing her options.

But even if she wanted to hold on, might she not be thrown out of the leadership if she seemed to be an obstacle to the Conservatives remaining in office? In theory, yes. In practice it is hard to see how a contested change of leadership could be brought about in time.

The Conservative Party rules specify that when the leadership is vacant an election shall be held as early as possible. Otherwise in a new Parliament an election shall be held "not earlier than three months nor later than six months" after it has assembled.

Thatcher could not be forced

This means that Mrs Thatcher could not be forced out of the leadership, against her will in the first three months of the next Parliament. It is most improbable that everyone could be kept waiting for that length of time while the Conservatives decided whether to elect a new leader to negotiate with the Alliance. So she would have every chance of blocking a deal if she was determined to do so.

It follows that if the Alliance is to form any partnership in a hung Parliament it will either have to come to terms with Labour or secure Mrs Thatcher's good will - to negotiate herself or to make way for another Conservative to do so.

To take such a dismissive attitude towards her in advance of the election is an indulgence that the Alliance cannot afford.

New creation of peers this month

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is expected to announce the creation of a new batch of peers later this month in the wake of a determined campaign by the Labour Party.

Labour is expected to gain five more peers, all experts in particular fields rather than retiring or former MPs.

That is fewer than Mr Neil Kinnock has asked for. But he fares better than Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen who are likely to gain no new lords for the Alliance.

Lord Whitelaw, leader of the Lords, is to have five or six more peers, gleaned from outside Westminster so as to prevent possible humiliation at the polls if by-elections had to be held so near the next general election.

A decision has been reached on the names and number of new peers. It only remains for the prospective peers to inform Downing Street that they are willing to accept.

Mr Kinnock has been campaigning for at least six more peers because of the burden of the recent heavy legislative programme on his front bench of mainly elderly peers in the Lords.

Among them are expected to be a top QC, who will be a contender for the post of Lord Chancellor to follow Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, aged 79, if Labour wins the

Bill that puzzles the Lords

Peers, including Law Lords, have admitted to being baffled by some of the new powers contained in the Consumer Protection Bill - just after a government spokesman praised the drafting of legislation as "exemplary".

They argued that if the experts find it incomprehensible, what hope had the man in the street?

The timing of the assertion by Lord Belstead, deputy leader in the Lords, that the language used by parliamentary draftsmen was exemplary was unfortunate.

It was followed by two days of detailed discussion of a big overhaul of the rights of consumers.

Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, described as "unintelligible" the clause on the definition of defect.

"I tried the clause on with two or three Law Lords today. They expressed the view... that it is quite incomprehensible."

The only comfort to come from Lord Lucas of Chilworth, the junior trade minister, was that the clause was a considerable improvement.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on the Royal Air Force.
Lords (3): Broadcasting Bill and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, committee stages.

The following report of a Commons debate on government economic policy and the North-South divide appeared in today's edition of this newspaper yesterday.

It was wrong to imply, as the Opposition did, that the whole of Britain was a disaster area. Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during the debate. That was the kind of image which most damaged the North and it was not true.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said that even on the Government's own figures, the North had been scandalously neglected since 1983 in the business of job creation.

Opening the debate on an Opposition motion condemning the Government's economic policies, Mr Hattersley said that the Government had embarked on a campaign of calculated deception on the state of the economy, the impending crisis and its own responsibility in bringing it about.

Tax cuts were the wrong social choice, nor were they the choice of a nation which wanted to see a reduction in unemployment and improved social services.

Support for the City, its greed, its obsession with short-term speculation and its sleazy undercurrent of corruption was an inevitable extension of Tory economic philosophy.

The truth was that the Tory Party could not act against the City because the City reflected Tory values.

"We are now caught in the biggest credit explosion in our history. Britain is being run like a pawn shop. Personal indebted-

The North 'is not a disaster area'

He said that the fact that Mr Hattersley had to resort to predictions of bad times just around the corner was eloquent testimony that even he now recognized how well the economy was doing. Britain was now in its sixth successive year of steady growth and still going strong.

Since 1979 productivity had grown faster in Britain than in all its major competitor countries, with the sole exception of Japan.

In the short term, these badly needed improvements in productivity had meant fewer jobs but that phase was now behind them. During the present Parliament the number of jobs had risen steadily, quarter by quarter without a break. The number of jobs since 1983 had grown by more than a million and that was more than in the whole of the rest of the EEC put together.

Good news for the British economy was bad news for Labour and Mr Hattersley was determined that there was a disaster in the offing. Apart from a world economic crisis, the only thing that could precipitate an economic crisis in Britain would be the election of a Labour government.

Mr Hattersley was on stronger ground when he spoke about the differences in prosperity in different parts of the country. There were undoubtedly regional and local variations, just as there always had been and just as there were in other industrial countries.

But it was not a simple matter of North versus South. There were prosperous parts of the

Economic policy debate

North and areas of dereliction in the South.

London was the preeminent financial centre, not merely of the United Kingdom but of Europe and, arguably, of the world. To maintain that position, it was essential that it zealously preserved its reputation for integrity.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP) said the City could make a much greater contribution to the regions. The malaise in the City was debilitating not only to the financial institutions and the economy but to industry and commerce, too.

"An honest and open City would be, and is indeed, a national asset, but it is not a national liability, and I do not believe the Government has given sufficient independence to the newly established Securities and Investments Board to carry out its role as the City watchdog."

Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) said there were some spots richer than others in Scotland and Wales and the North but they were limited compared to the South and the people in those areas knew it.

"I suggest we immediately get back to the public interest. The government of the day is the only body which can consider the public interest. It has the responsibility for doing that and must not abdicate that responsibility by saying 'We are going to leave it all to competition or the market'."

The Opposition motion was rejected by 355 votes to 206 - Government majority, 149. The Government amendment was agreed to.

Mr Lawson: Number of jobs up by a million

ness is increasing at the rate of 20 per cent a year.

Whichever party won the election, the tax cuts Mr Lawson was going to make in his next Budget would be reversed. Labour would vote against those tax cuts and, when returned to office, restore taxation to approximately what it was now.

The Conservatives, as well as restoring the tax cuts, would make deep cuts in public expenditure. Those cuts were being planned now. The difference between the parties over tax cuts and what followed was the Labour Party's willingness to face the facts and the Conservative Party's refusal to tell the truth.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, moved a government amendment congratulating the Government on the success of its economic policies.

Mr Lawson said: The number of jobs in the United Kingdom has risen by a million since 1983. The number of jobs in the whole of the rest of the EEC put together.

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Prince heads drive to put small firms on the map

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Prince of Wales is to play a leading role in a nationwide campaign aimed at boosting the selling power of small businesses.

His close involvement in Small Firms Marketing Week, due to be held in June, will be the highlight of a government organized initiative which will involve more than 1,000 towns and cities throughout the country.

The Prince, who is president of Business in the Community, which was set up to promote small firms, is expected to address a top level seminar in the north of England on the importance of marketing.

The campaign has been devised by Mr David Trippier, Under Secretary of State for Employment, and close aides of the Prince have been involved in private talks with the minister and his officials in recent weeks.

Mr Trippier will soon be writing to chambers of commerce, local enterprise agencies, banks and the chief executives of every local authority in Britain, urging them to set up local exhibitions with help from the Government and the Institute of Marketing.

The campaign will attempt to improve the marketing of small firms' products or services and advise businessmen of the help they can obtain to boost their selling potential.

The central feature of the week will be the address by the Prince, who is known to be

concerned by the lack of emphasis on marketing and design within industry. While ministers will be present at the seminar they will not make speeches, in order to prevent any accusation of the Prince being involved in a political event.

Mr Trippier said yesterday: "I am still deeply dissatisfied with the marketing performance of small firms, which are the lifeblood of this country and are the major vehicle for helping us to continue to reduce unemployment."

"For too long it has been said that Britain invents goods, Japan makes them and America markets them. I am specifically concerned about marketing because we lag so far behind the Americans in this particular aspect."

"The week long campaign will not only provide an opportunity for small firms doing all the right things to bang their own drum, but it will enable organizations like the Institute of Marketing to help those firms who need guidance and help."

A competition is to be launched in March for firms with fewer than 200 employees, with a top prize of a tour of the United States for the company that can come up with the best marketing idea.

Mr Trippier added: "We are fortunate in having the Prince of Wales as president of Business in the Community and I have no doubt he will wish to play a full part in this important initiative."

Airlines drop low fuel use demand

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Lower fuel prices have led to a change in airline demands for the next generation of aircraft.

When the price of oil shot up airlines told manufacturers that they must produce engines which used considerably less fuel than before. Aero engine makers came up with a revolutionary new concept called a propfan, an "inside out" engine capable of cutting fuel bills by 35 per cent.

But Rolls-Royce believes that investment in building its own version of the new engine, at present at the design stage, may not now be necessary. Instead the company is concentrating on producing derivatives of existing engines, which it believes will be cheaper.

The company believes that the propfan engines could cost twice as much as its new Tay conventional jet engine. Although the propfan would save enormous amounts in fuel, airlines now want lower initial costs rather than long-term operational savings.

There is also little further progress likely in making aero engines quieter. The engines now being fitted to new jets are often quieter than the aircraft itself, which generates large amounts of noise as it comes into land.



The gun used to kill Fahmy Bey (bottom right), which is up for auction at Christie's, Sir Edward Marshall Hall (top right), who represented Mrs Fahmy (above) at her trial, during which she was cleared of murdering her husband.

Mementoes of the great defender go for sale

The mementoes of Sir Edward Marshall Hall, KC, who acted for the defence in some of this country's most notorious murder cases, are to be sold at auction at Christie's tomorrow, where they are

expected to fetch between £800 and £1,200.

They include the pistol used in the killing of "Prince" Fahmy Bey, an Egyptian, by his French wife, the former Madame Laurent, at the Sa-

voy Hotel, in London in 1923.

Madame Fahmy was found by a porter, on the night of July 10 during a thunderstorm. She was standing over her dead husband with an automatic pistol in her hand

and three spent cartridges at her feet. Madame Fahmy was later tried for murder, but was acquitted after Marshall Hall described the cruelty she suffered from her husband.

Holocaust play called off after protests

The production of a controversial play alleging Jewish complicity in one of the worst chapters of the Nazi Holocaust, has been cancelled.

The play, *Perdition*, written by Mr Jim Allen, the television scriptwriter, was scheduled to start at the Royal Court Theatre in London today.

After a four-hour emergency meeting of the theatre's directors it was called off by the artistic director, Mr Max Stafford-Clark.

The decision to cancel the production at the last minute was described by Dr Lionel Koplowitz, the President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, as "a victory for common sense, clear judgement, and justice."

Last week Mr Stafford-Clark declared his determination to stage the play despite its controversial nature.

In a prepared statement yesterday he denied that the play was either factually inaccurate or anti-Semitic.

The central argument expressed in *Perdition* is the allegation that Zionists collaborated with the SS leader, Adolf Eichmann, in Hungary in 1944 in a deal which sent hundreds of thousands of Jews to their deaths in exchange for saving the lives of those who wanted to set up a Jewish state in Palestine.

Accountants quit Ulster service

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Half the trained accountants have left the Northern Ireland department responsible for scrutinizing the spending of government departments in the province in the past 11 months.

The Northern Ireland Exchequer and Audit Department has also lost 90 per cent of those it had trained for the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy qualification in the same period, according to a report published by the public accounts committee.

In evidence to the committee, Mr Louis Calvert, the Northern Ireland Comptroller and Auditor General, described the situation as "very serious".

He blamed the attraction of higher salaries in the private sector, and the fact that on April 1 the department is to be transformed into the Northern Ireland Audit Office, an independent organization similar to the British National Audit Office. This would deny staff the career access they hold to other areas of the Civil Service.

The report endorses the view of Mr Calvert that "the only practicable way to retain staff is to improve their pay" and welcomes proposals to introduce a performance-related pay system. The committee was prepared to "consider favourably" requests for extra money to finance this.

A separate report published by the committee yesterday discloses that wastage of highly-trained audit staff at the British National Audit Office is running at 10 per cent a year.

It expresses "concern" at the rate, especially given the high cost of training, but notes that it has not increased since last year.

In evidence, Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General, said the position was "contained".

Committee of Public Accounts: The Northern Ireland Exchequer and Audit Department/Northern Ireland Audit Office Estimates 1987-88 (Stationery Office, £2.40).

Committee of Public Accounts: National Audit Office Estimates 1987-88 and Corporate Plan 1987-88 to 1991-92 (Stationery Office, £3.50).

Royal house-hunt

Homes with helipads to tempt a flying Duke

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Duke of York, who is to be second-in-command at the helicopter warfare division of 702 Naval Air Squadron when he returns to Portland in March, now faces the task of finding a home for himself and the Duchess.

Prince Andrew, a Royal Navy lieutenant, completes a six-month instructor's course at the Royal Naval Air Station in Yeovilton, Somerset, on February 6, and the Queen has reportedly refused to agree to their intention to buy the £850,000 Finchampstead House in Berkshire because it is too expensive, insisting on a £500,000 price limit on their home.

It is a problem that any young couple might face, but estate agents are eager to use their expertise in helping them. Savills point out that at this time of year there is little property of really good quality around, with owners waiting to see the leaves on the trees in the spring before they put their homes up for sale.

There are, however, some interesting properties on the market, two with helipads, which might interest the Duke and enable him to commute to work. One is The Manor House at Charlwood in Surrey, which Knight Frank and Rutley are selling for the former motor-cycling champion, Barry Sheene.

The sixteenth century listed house has a master bedroom suite with four or five other bedrooms, a gymnasium and sauna and a self-contained two-bedroom cottage. The helipad and hangar are set in 18 acres and the asking price is about £500,000.

Hawridge Court at Chessham, Buckinghamshire, at the same price, boasts a floodlit helipad with remote controlled lights. This house, with three reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and four other bedrooms, plus a two-bedroom cottage, has the added attraction of the lordship of the manor if the royal couple decide they need another title. It has eight acres.

Knight Frank and Rutley, who have handled the sale of the Crystal Palace and Wembley Stadium as well as homes for the aristocracy, could also offer Bishops Heath through their Ascot office - on a crown lease and close to Windsor Great park, if that is not too close to the family.

Built in 1905, the house has seven bedrooms, a lodge and staff flat, but less than four acres, and is offered at more than £450,000. The Old Parsonage, Cranbourne in Windsor Forest, has seven bedrooms, is set in 10 acres and would cost about £400,000.

If the Duke and Duchess wished to live closer to Portland, £500,000 would buy them a bigger house in more spacious grounds. In Berkshire, Hampshire or Surrey the prices are high because of their proximity to London, but south and west of Salisbury, there is more value for money.

The general and optimistic view of estate agents is that there is the ideal large country house, with up to 10 bedrooms, staff accommodation, swimming pool and tennis court in about 20 acres for about the £500,000 limit somewhere. And many are looking for it.

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MPs call for urgent action on plight of Asian immigrants

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Urgent and radical action to help the Bangladeshi community in this country, described as "considerably the most disadvantaged of all Britain's main ethnic minorities, was called for yesterday.

The home affairs select committee, in a harrowing report compiled after a year's investigation, concludes that immigrant Bangladeshis live in Britain's worst and most overcrowded housing, suffer an exceptionally high unemployment rate, endure an unusually "high incidence" of illness, and earn less than any other black or Asian minority.

They are disproportionately affected by racial violence, they have a minimum command of English, and at school their children perform "alarmingly" below average.

The Bangladeshi community, now between 100,000 and 160,000, is growing at a rate of 9,000 a year with just less than half aged 15 or under.

This makes the need for immediate action imperative. On education, for example, the report notes that "it is an educational and social disaster of profound significance for the future of Britain's

Bangladeshi community that 74 per cent of Bengali speakers aged 15 were not fluent in English.

Poor English is repeatedly cited as a root cause of the community's problems. A 1984 survey is quoted as showing that 50 per cent of Bangladeshi men and 76 per cent of women spoke English "slightly" or "not at all".

Many of the report's 26 recommendations call for specific actions to overcome the communication barriers, and several call for actions targeted specifically at the Bangladeshi community rather than the Asian population as a whole.

The report cites housing as the most immediate serious problem, with whole families living in one room "a common situation". This in turn affects children's education, leads to "a high incidence of physical and mental illness", and has a "particularly severe" effect on Bangladeshi women who are already isolated by lack of English and fear of racial attacks.

A fifth of the Bangladeshi community lives in Tower Hamlets in east London, where 90 per cent of those

classified as homeless are Bangladeshi and 80 per cent of those, placed in bed and breakfast accommodation.

Among specific measures called for by the committee are a "significant" increase to Tower Hamlets' housing investment programme limit, a statutory duty on local authorities to ensure boarding accommodation for the homeless complies to a set minimum standard, ethnic monitoring of local authorities' housing allocation procedures, and where necessary the employment of housing officers who speak Sylheti, the language used by most Bangladeshis in Britain.

On education, lack of English is cited as the principal reason for the under-achievement of Bangladeshi children, but contributory factors include racial hostility, poverty, poor housing and low expectations by teachers.

The report calls for government research into how to deal with the problem, extra government and local authority spending to provide special tuition in English for all age groups, and close monitoring of progress.



Cranborne Chase pupils, Tess Thompson (left), and Alex Segal (right), rehearse the play for Mr Alan Steven (seated), the school's director of drama (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

School play for Chinese TV

The annual play by Cranborne Chase school in Wiltshire may be watched by more than 50 million people. The 20-strong all-girl cast is to perform Willie Russell's musical, *Blood Brothers*, for Chinese television at Easter.

The girls from the public school at Salisbury, near Salisbury, are taking the production on a three-week tour of the Far East. They will give two performances in Hong Kong before moving on to Shanghai and then Peking, where they

will appear on television.

The tour was arranged at the suggestion of a school governor after a successful tour in France last year.

Mrs Louise Simmons, the headmistress, and Mr Alan Steven, the school's director of drama, organized the trip with the help of parents. The Chinese Arts Minister, Ai Zhiseng, who was visiting London, suggested the television appearance.

The tour is sponsored by the Laura Ashley Education

Foundation, and the Anglo-Chinese Development Corporation.

The production has extra material written for the school by Mr Russell, who also wrote *Educating Rita*. The new script was the result of the friendship between Mr Steven and the playwright, who were at drama college together.

The pupils have built their own sets to take to China. During performances, a Chinese narrator will explain the action to audiences.

Salvation and the Church Text resolves centuries of disagreement

These are key extracts from the joint statement *Salvation and the Church* published today by the Second Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission.

The doctrine of salvation has in the past been a cause of some contention between Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

One difficulty concerned the understanding of the *faith* through which we are justified, in so far as this included the individual's confidence in his or her own final salvation.

Everyone agreed that confidence in God was a mark of Christian hope, but some feared that too extreme an emphasis on assurance, when linked with an absolute doctrine of divine predestination, encouraged a neglect of the need for justification to issue in holiness of life.

A second difficulty concerned the understanding of justification and the associated concepts, righteousness and justice.

Fearing that justification might seem to depend upon entitlement arising from good works, Reformation theologians laid great emphasis on the imputation to human beings of the righteousness of Christ.

Catholics took them to be implying that imputed righteousness was a legal fiction, that is, a merely nominal righteousness that remained only external to the believer.

A third difficulty concerned the bearing of good works on salvation. Reformation theologians understood the Catholic emphasis on the value of good works and religious practices and ceremonies to imply that justification in some degree depended upon them in such a way as to compromise the sovereignty and unconditional freedom of God's grace.

Catholics, on the other hand, saw the Reformation's understanding of justification as implying that human actions were of no worth in the sight of God.

The role of the Church in the process of salvation constituted a fourth difficulty.

Roman Catholic interpreters of Trent and Anglican theologians alike have insisted that justification and sanctification are neither wholly distinct from nor unrelated to one another. The discussion, however, has been confused by differing understandings of the world justification and its associated words.

Theologians differ on justification

The theologians of the Reformation tended to follow the predominant usage of the New Testament, in which the verb *dikaion* usually means "to pronounce righteous". The Catholic theologians, and notably the Council of Trent, tended to follow the usage of patristic and medieval Latin writers, for whom *iustificare* (the traditional translation of *dikaion*) signified "to make righteous".

Thus the Catholic understanding of the process of justification, following Latin usage, tended to include elements of salvation which the Reformers would describe as belonging to sanctification rather than justification.

As a consequence, Protestants took Catholics to be emphasizing sanctification in such a way that the absolute gratuitousness of salvation was threatened. On the other side, Catholics feared that Protestants were so stressing the justifying action of God that sanctification and human responsibility were gravely depreciated.

Justification and sanctification are two aspects of the same divine act (1 Cor. 6.11). This does not mean that justification is a reward for faith or works; rather, when God promises the removal of our condemnation and gives us a new standing before Him, this justification is indissolubly linked with His sanctifying recreation of us in grace.

God's grace effects what He declares: His creative world imparts what it imputes. By pronouncing us righteous, God also makes us righteous. He imparts a righteousness which is His and becomes ours.

Instead of our own strivings to make ourselves acceptable to God, Christ's perfect righteousness is reckoned to our account. God's declaration is sometimes expressed in the New Testament in the language of law, as a verdict of acquittal of the sinner.

The divine court, where the verdict is given, is the court of the judge who is also Father and Saviour of those whom he judges. While in a human law-court an acquittal is an external, even impersonal act, God's declaration of forgiveness and reconciliation does not leave repentant believers unchanged, but establishes with them an intimate and personal relationship.

The person and work of Christ are central to any understanding of the relation between salvation and good

works. God had brought into being in the person of His Son a renewed humanity, the humanity of Jesus Christ himself. He is the first-born of all creation, the prototype and source of our new humanity.

This understanding of our humanity as made new in Christ by God's transforming power throws light on the New Testament affirmation that, while we are not saved because of works, we are created in Christ for good works (Eph. 2.8-9). "Not because of works": nothing even of our best achievement or good will can give us any claim to God's gift of renewed humanity. God's recreating deed originates in himself and nowhere else.

In restoring us to His likeness, God confers freedom on fallen humanity. This is not the natural freedom to choose between alternatives, but the freedom to do His will.

To speak thus of freedom in Christ is to stress that it is in Jesus Christ that the shape of human life lived in total liberty before God is decisively disclosed.

Thus freedom in Christ does not imply an isolated life, but rather one lived in a community governed by mutual obligations. Life in Christ sets us free from the demonic forces manifested not only in individual but also in social egotism.

The growth of believers to maturity, and indeed the common life of the Church, are impeded by repeated lapses into sin. Even good works, done in God and under the grace of the Spirit, can be flawed by human weakness and self-centredness, and therefore it is by daily repentance and faith that we reappropriate our freedom from sin. This insight has sometimes been expressed by the paradox that we are at once just and sinners.

The doctrine of salvation is intimately associated with the doctrine of the Church, which "is the community of those reconciled with God and with each other because it is the community of those who believe in Jesus Christ and are justified through God's grace" (Article 1, *The Final Report*, Introduction 8).

The Church proclaims the good news of our justification and salvation by God in Christ Jesus. Those who respond in faith to the Gospel come to the way of salvation through incorporation by baptism into the Church. They are called to witness to the Gospel as members of the Church.

The Church which in this world is always in need of renewal and purification, is already here and now a foretaste of God's Kingdom in a world still awaiting its consummation — a world full of suffering and injustice, division and strife.

Thus Paul speaks of a fellowship which is called to transcend the seemingly insuperable divisions of the world; where all, because of their equal standing before the Lord, must be equally accepted by one another; a fellowship where, since all are justified by the grace of God, all may learn to do justice to one another; where racial, ethnic, social, sexual and other distinctions no longer cause discrimination and alienation (Gal. 3.28).

Those who are justified by grace, and who are sustained in the life of Christ through Word and Sacrament, are liberated from self-centredness and thus empowered to act freely and live in peace with God and with one another.

Forgiveness is a gift to be shared

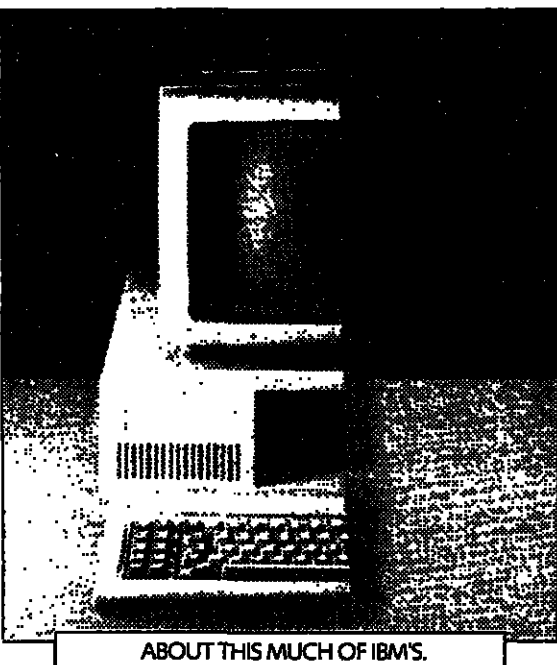
The Church, as the community of the justified, is called to embody the good news that forgiveness is a gift to be received from God and shared with others (Matt. 6.14-15). Thus the message of the Church is not a private piety irrelevant to contemporary society, nor can it be reduced to a political or social programme.

The balance and coherence of the constitutive elements of the Christian doctrine of salvation had become partially obscured in the course of history and controversy. In our work we have tried to rediscover that balance and coherence and to express it together.

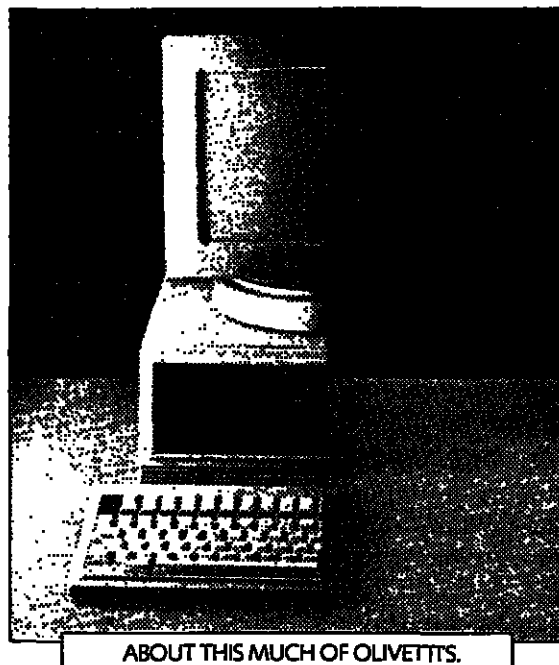
We are agreed that this is not an area where any remaining differences of interpretation — theological or ecclesiological emphasis, either within or between our Communion, can justify our continuing separation.

We believe that our two Communion are agreed on the essential aspects of the doctrine of salvation and on the Church's role within it. Published by the Catholic Truth Society, 38 Eccleston Square, SW1, and Church House Publishing, Great Smith Street, SW1 6SP.

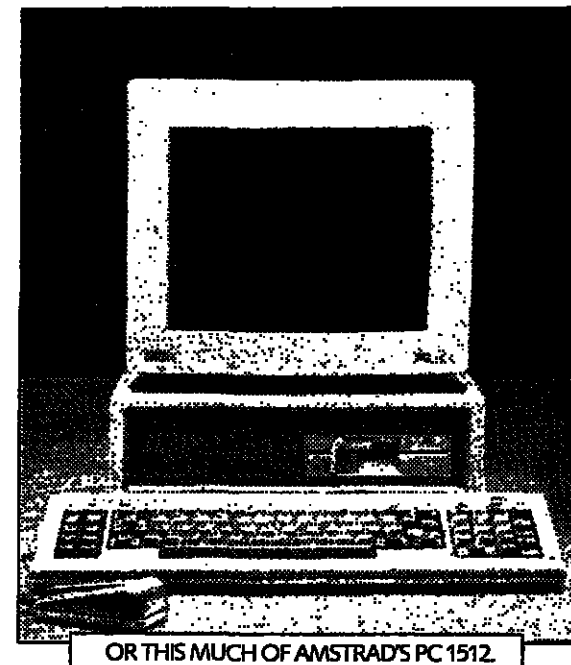
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WORLD SUMMARY

Peres sees role for UK in peace talks

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, sounded a note of caution yesterday on his arrival in Britain for discussions intended to revive the flagging Middle East peace process (Andrew McEwen writes). Britain, he said, had a role to play.

London was his first stop on a European tour in search of a formula to break the deadlock. After talks with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, he is to see Mrs Thatcher today, but to compare notes rather than make proposals.

New ideas, he implied, were hard to come by in the hunt for an internationally acceptable basis for holding a peace conference. Israel has never had much enthusiasm for the concept, and would prefer direct talks with the Arabs.

Britain's importance lay in its good relations with King Hussein of Jordan and greatly improved links with Israel, he said. "London can now play a very important role in the continuation of the process."

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Chadian victory

Paris (Reuters) — Chadian forces have overrun a key Libyan outpost in the north-western corner of the country. A spokesman at the Chadian Embassy here said government forces were in full control of the Libyan outpost of Zouar, in the Tibesti mountains bordering Libya and Niger. Earlier this month, Chadian troops routed about 1,000 Libyan soldiers.

Sentence upheld

Brussels (Reuters) — The Brussels Appeal Court yesterday ruled that the former Belgian Prime Minister, Mr Paul Vanden Boeynants, given a three-year suspended sentence in June for tax fraud and using forged documents, was guilty of forgery. The court confirmed the sentence, but reduced a 620,000 franc (£10,600) fine to 500,000 francs.

Uganda battle toll

Kampala (Reuters) — Ugandan troops killed 350 rebels on Sunday in the fiercest engagement since the guerrillas began attacking the Government's National Resistance Army last August, NRA commanders said.

More than 6,000 soldiers took part in the six-hour battle at Corner Kilak, a road junction 170 miles north of Kampala, the commanders told reporters at the scene.

The NRA lost 38 men and 116 were wounded while the rebel dead included Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Odwar, commander of the Ugandan Army's Central Brigade in 1985 and one of the rebels' most experienced officers, they added.

\$50,000 rejected

Dublin (Reuters) — The widow of an Irish UN soldier killed in Lebanon has rejected Israeli compensation as "arrogant, insensitive and ill-timed". Israel's offer of \$50,000 (£33,000), after it admitted having been responsible for the death of Corporal Dermot McLoughlin, the 21st Irish soldier to die while serving in Lebanon, has been condemned as "conscience money" by Mr Patrick O'Toole, the Irish Defence Minister.

Gulf war capture

Bahrain (Reuters) — Iran said yesterday that its troops had taken a strongly defended township east of the Iraqi port of Basra as both sides reported further air and artillery attacks on civilian centres. Iran's news agency, Irna, said the Duayfi township, 9½ miles east of Basra, fell after fighting in which 1,500 Iraqis were killed or wounded. The fall of the town came on the 13th day of Iran's offensive against Basra.

Prosecution crumbling in Bokassa trial

From Philip Jacobson
Bangui
Central African Republic

After six weeks of testimony in the trial of Jean-Bédik Bokassa on charges ranging from mass murder to cannibalism and looting of state funds, the case for the prosecution is in danger of coming apart at the seams.

As the hearings drag on in the whitewashed Palais de Justice, proceedings ever more torpid in the mounting heat and humidity, the lack of evidence linking the former emperor directly and unequivocally to the dreadful crimes of which he is accused appears to be causing acute concern to the Government of the Central African Republic.

Earlier this week, in an apparent effort to stoke up popular resentment against Mr Bokassa, it encouraged demonstrations to mark the anniversary of the day on which his troops had murdered a large number of

students during a protest against the regime.

For the first time since the trial began, the court was picketed by a well organized crowd waving banners which proclaimed "Death to Bokassa, the cannibal, the Nazi torturer" and "Down with the comic-opera Emperor".

Inside, one of the deposed ruler's two French lawyers, the normally urbane Maître François Gibault, rose in his black robe to protest angrily about apparently co-ordinated attacks on the integrity of the defence team in the local media.

He and his Parisian colleague, Maître François Spitzer, have been branded "legal mercenaries" for taking on the case, at Mr Bokassa's request. Their brisk demolition of a succession of state witnesses has also led to increasingly bitter clashes with the public prosecutor.

At the heart of the Government's problems, paradoxically, lies the bold decision by President André Kolingba to give Mr Bokassa a fair and open trial after his totally unexpected, and surely unwelcome, return from exile in France last October.

In a continent where overthrown tyrants who have not fled with their Swiss bank accounts are more often put straight up against a wall and

representative of Amnesty International. Diplomats from neighbouring states such as Zaire and Cameroon appeared periodically in the VIP seats. Every word of evidence is being broadcast live on local radio and lengthy videotape extracts are shown nightly on television.

Yet what has been seen and

heard cannot but dismay the Government. The presentation of its case against a man who had become synonymous with extreme and arbitrary brutality has been consistently unimpressive.

The hearings in the Palais de Justice have, therefore, attracted great interest in much of black Africa. An observer from the Organization of African Unity is monitoring proceedings, as is a

shot, this was widely perceived as a praiseworthy advance in the field of human rights.

Witness after witness has been taken through previously written testimony, often at excruciating length, only for

Maitre Gibault and Maître Spitzer to turn things upside-down with relentless questioning.

No wonder the public prosecutor looks increasingly downcast, shuffling gloomily through his papers on a high bench as if wondering what could go wrong next.

It should be said, in fairness, that he is labouring under a severe legal handicap. According to the Code Napoléon, which applies in the Central African Republic, only the formal charges laid against Mr Bokassa soon after he was toppled by a French-backed coup in 1979 can now be applied.

Since nobody then could have dreamt that the fugitive from justice would ever again set foot in the country, the indictment was thrown together in such hurried and haphazard fashion that it is not difficult for the expert defence team to shoot it full of holes today.

We are told by his lawyers that Mr Bokassa remains in good spirits, ready to accept "moral responsibility" for what might have been done in his name but adamant that he never ordered or caused anyone to be tortured or put to death.

What nobody here in Bangui can agree upon is how the verdict would eventually turn out. The defence naturally maintains that, if the Government's case continues to crumble, Mr Bokassa must be acquitted. Yet few observers believe that Mr Kolingba could risk allowing the man now being portrayed as a monster to leave the court scot-free, especially since public feeling has been aroused.

The most likely outcome is felt to be the death sentence, followed by an act of presidential clemency; in six years of the present regime, nobody has yet been executed.

The Iran arms sale

Bush says Reagan sure he did not sanction deal

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The US Vice-President, Mr George Bush, said President Reagan remained certain that he did not authorize the sale of arms to Iran in exchange for American hostages in Lebanon.

But Mr Bush expressed regret at a perception that the US had abandoned its policy of not negotiating with terrorists and insisted the country now had a chance to restore its credibility and move forward in the battle against the terrorist threat.

Addressing an international conference on terrorism here on Tuesday night, Mr Bush was careful not to reiterate his own assertion, made two months ago, that Mr Reagan did not trade arms for hostages.

He acknowledged the widespread view that the Administration had done so, but added: "When the facts are out, the American people can make up their own mind on that key question."

He said there was a "very thin and delicate line" between talking with terrorists and negotiating with terrorists.

He said the US had firmly carried out its anti-terrorism

policy with the interception of the Achille Lauro hijackers in October 1985 and the bombing of Libya last April.

He felt a "profound sense of loss" at the view that the US had abandoned its policy, but out of this adversity came an opportunity to reaffirm US principles.

"We do not make concessions to terrorists. We do not pay ransoms. We do not release prisoners. And we do not agree to other acts that might encourage future terrorism."

Mr Bush said the US would "go the extra mile" to free US hostages. And he spoke of the concern felt by President Reagan "when an American in terrorist hands is tortured, and, in the case of William Buckley, killed." This was the first official US confirmation that Mr Buckley, said to have been the Central Intelligence Agency chief in the Beirut Embassy, had been killed, as claimed by his captors.

Mr Bush also praised West Germany for its "fine co-operation" in agreeing to the extradition of Mr Muhammad Ali Hamadi, the Lebanese accused of murdering a US Navy diver during the TWA hijacking in Beirut in 1985.

The White House announced yesterday that President Reagan will discuss what he knows about the Iran arms scandal with a special investigating panel next Monday. Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said the panel, headed by former senator, Mr John Tower, would continue its work until February 19.

The White House, trying to counter the impression that Mr Reagan has been out of touch with the investigation, said for the first time on Tuesday that senior aides had several times spoken to him about his recollections of the affair.

A Senate intelligence committee official said Senator David Durenburger, the outgoing committee chairman, briefed the President on the panel's findings last month when the committee agreed not to make the report of the hearings public. Mr Reagan later appealed for information from the Senate committee to be made public and expressed "outrage" that it would not release the report, which made clear that he knew nothing about the diversion of funds to the Nicaraguan Contras.



The US Vice-President, Mr George Bush, confirming the death of William Buckley, a US hostage in Beirut.

'The Bell Jar' libel trial opens

Boston (Reuters) — Producers of the film *The Bell Jar* carelessly ignored evidence that a character in the Sylvia Plath novel on which it was based was a real person, a lawyer said yesterday.

An attorney, Mr Harry Manion, opened a libel trial in the federal court here by telling the jury that such carelessness caused severe emotional grief to his client, Ms Jane Anderson, a psychiatrist.

Ms Anderson is suing CBS Entertainment, Avco-Embassy Pictures, and 12 others for allegedly depicting as a lesbian in the film a character she says Plath based on her.

The character Ms Anderson says is based on her is not shown as lesbian in the book. One of the defendants is the poet laureate, Ted Hughes, who was married to Sylvia Plath and is executor of her estate.

Sylvia Plath, who killed herself in 1963, wrote the novel in the early 1960s about her slide into mental illness. It was published in the United States in 1971 and the film was made in 1978.

Both sides agree that the novel was her effort at an autobiography, but the dispute involves an interpretation of whether characters were based on real people.

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ADVANCE WARNING TRIANGLES

'Wild man' of Bavaria cleans up his act

Strauss projects himself as man of reason in bid for foreign portfolio

From John England, Munich

Something has happened to Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the "wild man" of West German politics, on his way to the federal election on Sunday. He appears to have undergone a marked change of personality. He is suddenly no longer a fire-breathing demagogue but a cool and steady man of reason. His new style does not suit him, but those who like their Strauss hot need not worry. It will not last long.

Herr Strauss, aged 71, Prime Minister of Bavaria and leader of the Christian Social Union (CSU) - sister party to Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democrats - is making what is seen as probably his last bid for a senior Cabinet post in Bonn.

He wants to be Foreign Minister, so it behoves him at the moment to project an image of statesmanlike self control, even if it robs him of his entertainment value.

The result is that "FJS", the only colourful character amid West Germany's army of field-grey politicians, at present is being as boring as the rest of them. His speeches in two Munich beer halls on Tuesday night were low-key, except for him renewing his call for a new and "normal" German national identity and drawing a line under the Nazi past. Otherwise, he earned a polite, rather than the usually ecstatic, response from his audiences, who totalled about 5,000.

The only moment of drama was provided by a man who threw an egg, and for good measure a tennis ball, at him

as he stood at a lectern. Herr Strauss ducked and the missiles went wide of their mark. The incident gave Herr Strauss another opportunity to condemn the "chaos-makers" of the left as the man was fed away, although he remained composed.

Herr Strauss's ambition to become Foreign Minister has been thwarted so far by the

the FDP as a "zigzag" party that, above all, is soft on terrorism because of its watering down of a planned "supergrass" law aimed at bringing at least one Red Army Faction informer out of hiding.

He is also telling CSU supporters not to give the FDP their vital second votes, which determine the strength of the parties in the Bundestag. The FDP, with a hard-core liberal vote of only about 3 per cent, depends upon second votes to lift it over the 5 per cent barrier to seats in Parliament.

The Liberals have also angered the Bavarian leader by calling on West Germans to give them a "Stop Strauss" vote to keep the right-wing out of Bonn.

Herr Strauss told his Munich audiences, as they worked their way through their one-litre jugs of beer, that the FDP was trying to seduce voters with a double portion of Angst.

Herr Strauss also takes some time off from attacking his coalition partner to label the Social Democratic (SPD) and Greens opposition parties a Red-Green "cartel" and dismiss Herr Johannes Rau, the SPD candidate for the chancellorship, as being on a dreamy "march to Utopia".

But as Herr Strauss pointed out, the polls give the two parties a combined vote of 45 per cent, so they are not a real problem for him. His main enemy on his path to Bonn is the FDP, if not himself.

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conservatives' need to keep the small liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP) on their team. The FDP's Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher has held the post since 1974 and, short of his party failing to be returned or the conservatives winning an absolute majority, he has no intention of handing it over to Herr Strauss.

The latest opinion poll gives the FDP 10.4 per cent of the vote on Sunday, compared with 7 per cent at the last election in March 1983, so Herr Strauss's hopes that his second least favourite party (after the Greens) will fail this time appear unlikely to be fulfilled.

Herr Strauss, however, is not relaxing his attacks upon

German cleared of cannabis charge



A happy and relaxed Herr Frank Foerster, left, drinking champagne yesterday with his lawyers to celebrate the end of three years of tension after being acquitted of drug peddling charges which carry the death sentence.

"You can imagine how I feel after being in prison for so long," the 24-year-old West German bank clerk said at a hotel after the Penang High Court cleared him of trafficking in 239.7 grammes (8 oz) of cannabis (Reuters reports from Penang).

Under Malaysian law, anyone convicted of having more than 200 grammes of the drug must be sentenced to death.

Herr Foerster said: "I'm going to enjoy

my freedom... to do what I like. But I still respect the rules of the country." He advised tourists to steer clear of drugs.

He also said he would thank his two German travelling companions who had said in affidavits that the cannabis was theirs, despite the fact that the drug had landed him in jail for over three years.

He was arrested in November 1983 in a hotel in Penang, a notorious drugs transit and sales centre, but his friends were released after being held briefly and refused to return to testify. The policeman who freed them was reprimanded.

Herr Foerster told the court he had

agreed not to implicate his friends, although they had told him the cannabis belonged to them, as they had said they would help him. He said he had had no idea of the gravity of the offence until he was put in jail.

Justice Edgar Joseph told a packed court he accepted the affidavits as they had exposed Herr Foerster's friends to criminal prosecution. Under normal circumstances, people would not take such risks.

"The case of the defence became so overwhelming and convincing that I have to acquit and discharge him," he said.

Whipping threat to Malaysian Muslim drinkers

From M G G Pillai, Singapore

Islamic authorities in five Malaysian states would like to whip Muslims they find guilty of offences ranging from drinking alcohol to adultery and transsexual and homosexual offences.

They also supported the decision of the Kelantan State Religious Court earlier this week, which for the first time decided to whip a man six times for drinking three bottles of stout in public. Beer, stout, ale and wine are regarded as alcoholic drinks in Malaysia.

An Islamic court in Johore state sentenced a man to be whipped 100 times for adultery.

The judge admitted that he had no authority to do so, but did it to protect himself from "God's wrath". He later fined the couple \$Mal 300 (£77) each.

Protests as Waldheim swears in Cabinet

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Austria's new coalition Cabinet was formally sworn in by Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Austrian President, at a brief ceremony yesterday.

The new ministers, who represent the two large parties in Austrian politics, had to face a gauntlet of demonstrators who had gathered outside the chancellery.

Most of the demonstrators were Greens disappointed that the new Cabinet had not included a separate environment ministry. Dr Franz Vranitzky's coalition has merged Environment with Family and Youth Affairs under the guidance of Frau Marianne Fleming.

Franz Fleming's arrival at the chancellery yesterday evoked boos and jeers from the demonstrators, who took particular exception to her claim during an earlier interview that she would be a "very Green" Minister of the Environment.

The new Cabinet sworn in yesterday consists of the following: Socialist Chancellor Dr Franz Vranitzky; Finance Minister Josef Riegler; Foreign Affairs Alfred Daxinger; Interior Karl Bocksch; State Secretary Rudolf Sauerbrey; Education Franz Eide-Hawlicek; State Secretary for Women's Affairs Frau Johanna Dornal; Labour Minister Franz Liechauer.

People's Party Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister Alois Mock; Defence Robert Lisch; Agriculture Josef Riegler; Science Hans Tuppy; Trade Robert Gruber; Family, Youth and Environment Frau Marianne Fleming; Chancellery Secretary Heinrich Neisser; Chancellery Minister Johannes Ditz.

Politically independent Justice Egonwald Forger.

Bombings in Corsica

Paris slaps ban on separatist party

From Diana Goldstein, Paris

The Corsican Movement for Self-Determination (MCA), a political party advocating independence from France, was officially outlawed by the Government yesterday. The movement, in alliance with the Union of Corsican People (UPC), has six members in the Corsican Regional Assembly.

The Government's move comes after a spate of new terrorist attacks on the island, and the arrest on January 12 of M Alain Orsoni, one of the MCA regional councillors and a suspected leader of the Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC), which was itself outlawed in 1982.

M Orsoni has been charged with "reconstitution of an outlawed organization" and with being a "member of a criminal organization" following the discovery of documents in his bar in Ajaccio setting out a "polico-military programme" for the FLNC in 1987 and giving details of complete restructuring of the banned organization.

The documents were found during a police investigation into the murder on January 2 of M Marc Garguy, the owner of a men's clothes shop in Ajaccio, who had come from the French mainland to settle in Corsica some years earlier. The separatists have long sought to chase "non-Corsicans" from the island.

M Garguy had previously been the target of several bomb attacks, including two for which the FLNC had officially claimed responsibility. He had also received threats against his life because of his refusal to pay a protection racket "tax" to the FLNC.

M Maurice Galliani, another Corsican nationalist, was arrested on Saturday, in connection with the murder of M Garguy. A Colt gun and nearly 450 lb of explosive, were found in his flat in Ajaccio.

The island has recently been hit by two waves of bombings, both believed to be in protest against M Orsoni's imprisonment in Paris while awaiting

trial by the new centralized court specializing in terrorist cases. He is the first Corsican nationalist to be transferred to Paris under the arrangements.

Six bombs exploded in Corsica last Saturday, extensively damaging various banks, shops and homes but not injuring anyone. Six days earlier another four bombs had gone off, this time all aimed at police targets. Again no one was hurt. Two other bombs failed to explode.

Neither incident received much attention in the national press. Terrorist attacks in Corsica have become so commonplace that they are no longer news. There were more than 600 bomb attacks on the island last year.

The FLNC has officially claimed responsibility for 497 terrorist "actions" last year in Corsica - almost a third more than the number it carried out in the previous year. A further 25 "actions" were carried out on the French mainland, mostly around Marseilles.

The bombs, which are usually intended to cause only material damage, were mostly aimed against symbolic targets, such as banks, customs posts, police stations and post offices, or against the homes and shops of French settlers from the mainland.

Alain Orsoni, aged 33, has already been convicted in absentia for his involvement with terrorist acts carried out by the FLNC in the 1970s, but was given a presidential pardon when the Socialists came to power in 1981.

In June 1983, his brother Guy Orsoni, also a separatist militant, was kidnapped. He is believed to have been tortured to death, but his body was never found.

Since then, Alain Orsoni has devoted himself to trying to find his brother's killers. Two men charged in connection with the affair were shot dead in their prison cell in Ajaccio during a dramatic FLNC commando attack on the jail.

Hanoi rethink on Cambodian deal

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Vietnam is now prepared to accept elements of the former Khmer Rouge regime in a future Cambodian government, according to diplomats who say that Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian resistance leader, was informed of this during his recent visit to Romania.

The Hanoi Government is reported to have suggested Bucharest as the site for peace talks between Prince Sihanouk's coalition, which includes the Khmer Rouge, and the Vietnamese-backed Cambodian Government led by President Heng Samrin.

According to his officials in Thailand, the prince has said he could not agree to such a meeting as it would give the impression that the long con-

flict is a civil war among the Khmer people whereas, in the resistance's view, Vietnam is the aggressor.

However, he said he was ready to meet a Vietnamese delegation which included the Heng Samrin Government.

Mass cremations: Former communist insurgents and General Chavatt Yongchal-yuth, Commander-in-Chief of the Thai Army, yesterday jointly conducted ceremonies at the mass cremation of the remains of 600 guerrillas killed fighting government forces in the past 20 years.

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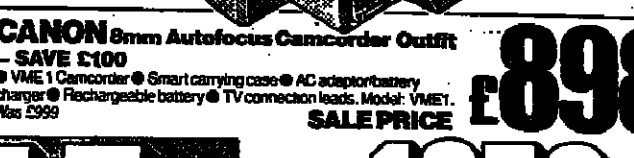
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THE ARTS

The men of grey

Jeffrey Archer's first television appearance as a neutral commentator since his spectacular fall from grace occurred on *Cover to Cover* (BBC2) when — discussing John Ehrlichman's second novel — he told Nicholas Shakespeare how much he admired the former President Nixon's foreign policy. "Some of us are good and some of us are bad," declared Mr Archer, ringingly, "but most of us are pretty grey."

The sometime ogre of the White House reappeared on *We Can Keep You Forever* (BBC1), talking about the American prisoners of war whom his administration abandoned. Since the cessation of hostilities in Vietnam and Laos, there have been regular sightings of these captive

TELEVISION

Gallivers, by refugees and others, working in slave-labour camps.

Here we met their families back home; disillusioned and embittered covert operators with a near monopoly on the truth; a rather pathetic Rambo type plotting liberating incursions across the Thai border; and Mr Henry Kissinger. The obvious, the truly American solution would surely be to offer Vietnam lots and lots of money for the prisoners' return, but the increased war reparations of three billion dollars was never paid; this would apparently constitute too severe a dent in America's adamantine pride.

The Vietnam War — the first on colour television — still looks wonderful, with or without the doomy music made obligatory by *Apocalypse Now*, and this densely-researched programme offered many visual treats. But it was hard to feel sympathy for the plight of those who had dropped napalm and Agent Orange on civilians. The American conscripts in that vile episode of history did not have to be there. They could have followed Sylvester Stallone's lead and spent the duration in Switzerland.

Martin Cropper



Making your own rainbow

A bunch of flowers appeared in mid-air, hovering above a table. Gradually a vase settled itself underneath them.

Finally a horse could be seen through the window. There was a pause. Then the horse rushed in and ate the flowers. David Hockney was ecstatic. He had been painting with light. Using the latest computer technology, he had created on a television screen, in a matter of minutes, a succession of images which would have taken him days, if not weeks, in the studio.

He is the first major artist to explore the possibilities of the Paint Box, an electronic picture synthesizer created for a much more mundane role — that of making weather maps for television stations. But its technical capacity meant nothing to Hockney. "The television set is the art!" he cried. "There's nothing between the viewer and the artist — what you are seeing on the screen is the inside of the artist's head."

To Hockney and to other major contemporary artists, including Sir Sidney Nolan, the Turner Prize-winning Howard Hodgkin and the American Larry Rivers, the Paint Box — manufactured in Britain by the Quantel company — represents a major new departure in the creation and dissemination of art.

Within minutes of being introduced to the machine, painting's ultimate hi-tech enthusiast had been utterly seduced by its possibilities. His hand grasped the electronic brush — not dissimilar to a bookie's pencil on a string — and started drawing on a totally blank board. On a screen in front of him his invisible tracings became lines and curves, light and shade, texture

For all the massive world-wide popularity of television, growing inexorably over half a century, it has only ever reproduced, never created; but now a handful of the world's leading contemporary artists, using a British machine, are turning the screen into an instant canvas: report by Christopher Wilson

and startling colour, while beneath his hand the board remained empty. For the first time in the history of art, the artist was required to look somewhere else in order to discover what his hand had made.

Each of the major artists who have been introduced to the Paint Box has been staggered by the machine's potential. Some are attracted, and some repelled, by the almost insufferable demands it can make upon the artist. Hodgkin, for example, created on the Paint Box a set and costumes for a new Ballet Rambert production, but is unlikely to face up to the machine's capacity a second time. But to others like Nolan, now approaching his seventieth birthday, the machine has offered a whole new horizon which will allow him a programme of work he says he could never have hoped to undertake at his age.

Devised as a computer graphics machine in 1980 to provide the growing number of television stations with instant captions, weather maps and other current affairs paraphernalia, the Paint Box immediately attracted the eye of Michael Deakin, a one-time fine art publisher, then distinguished television director and producer, who had recently become one of the founders of TV-am.

He divined it had possibilities far beyond the field of graphic art. "As a piece of good British frontier technology it could do all that was asked of it, but what was amazing was that it could create colour, pure colour, on a television screen far deeper and more highly defined than any other light source," says Deakin. "The machine was also capable of an infinite variety of artistic tricks. You could feed in images the artist had created elsewhere to be worked on. You could take other images, from virtually any source, so they could be used in collage form. You could store the images the artist had created along the way to the finished product, and recall them."

"You could create any colour — and the colour quality was spectacular. The machine could provide the artist with brushstrokes of any thickness, and any number of techniques of applying the colour. It was, quite simply, a miracle machine which had the ability to turn art into a spectator sport. The television viewer could now have a first-hand work of art on his screen." Beyond that, reasoned Deakin, was the concept that art created on the screen and transmitted direct into the homes of millions could reach a new and untapped audience — people who might never otherwise understand

the stimuli and creative processes which are at the root of contemporary painting.

Taking these ideas, he approached Hockney, an old friend, to evaluate the Paint Box. After an initial hesitation Hockney agreed, gave himself an uninterrupted eight-hour stretch on the machine, and the concept took hold. Back in Los Angeles, he recalled: "It was only when I started playing on this machine that it dawned on me that a barrier had gone. You were watching a drawing being made on the glass of a television screen — not a reproduction of anything, but something which only exists in that form."

During his eight hours on the Paint Box, Hockney had explored the machine's capacity to store each stage of a picture's exposition, development and recapitulation, and he attempted several works, one of which was a pastiche of the painter Francis Bacon. It developed over a period of time into a portrait of his friend David Graves: the Bacon image had peaked, then began to fail, and you could actually see the artist's mind reaching out to "save" the picture by recasting and adapting.

"Only when I saw a video-tape being played back did I fully realize what was going on," says Hockney. "When I did see it I realized it was not about the finished image, it was about the whole process of it being created. You are putting colour directly on the surface of the screen — a barrier has gone. It will be deeply fascinating to people when they see it. It has brought an intimacy between a person who sees the art and the person who creates it which couldn't be there before."



Pastiche of Francis Bacon transmuted into David Graves by David Hockney (left) at work with the Paint Box

board where there was nothing beneath your hand. It was on a screen in front of you. That altered your perspective," he says. "But as you work there is this richness of colour, a glow, which you could not get elsewhere."

The idea appealed to him, too, that the original work of art was what actually appeared on the screen. "You can get a digitally-generated print-out of an image, but the print cannot match the colours on the screen because printing ink cannot glow like that on paper," he says.

The question remains how this new art will be viewed by the public. On television? In a gallery? In electronically-generated print form? The answer is that no one yet knows. Hockney argues that the art is the witnessing of its creation, yet Nolan merely sees the Paint Box as a means to create graphic art. Custom and practice will decide how the public will accept the fruits of this invention, but at least all the artists are agreed that it is a formidable new force.

Having mastered the technique of the Paint Box, Hockney is ready to try it out on a major tour of Japan in the spring. A book, a film and a major exhibition are expected as a consequence. Hockney's early work on the Paint Box, together with that of Nolan, Rivers, and Hodgkin, has been turned into a series of television programmes made by Michael Deakin's company Griffin Productions, which the Museum of Modern Art in New York has said it would like to display. The head of BBC arts coverage, Alan Yentob, has commissioned the programmes and they are scheduled to appear next year.

Rich pickings

THEATRE

Holiday Old Vic

Following Claire Luce's *The Women*, the Old Vic continues its pre-war Broadway excavations with this 1928 piece by Philip Barry: another first-hand study of the home life of the New York rich. It would be hard to devise a starker contrast. The residents of Park Avenue, shot down by Mrs Luce's poisoned arrows as a pack of greedy, mendacious parasites, now pick themselves up and reappear as the salt of the earth. Given Barry's affection for them, it is remarkable that he was able to write the play at all.

Holiday recounts the old fable of the man who falls for the wrong girl and finds his true partner in the nick of time. As Barry tells it, the hero is not a sturdy young cut-throat but a self-made lawyer, and his princess a holiday acquaintance who turns out to have a mansion and a Wall Street daddy. Johnny has no objection to that so long as he can have a few years knocking about the world before settling into a job. To father and daughter, however, this attitude is "un-American" and

the engagement splits up, but not before the other daughter, Linda, has spotted him as a fellow freedom-lover and made off to find him.

Told like that, the plot arouses fairy-tale expectations of a fire-breathing parent and a heartless beauty, which are not at all what Barry supplies. For a start, the piece is written in a civil patrician style descended from Edith Wharton. At the height of its rage, the father can say no more than that he is "distressed". From the alcoholic brother to the beaming couple who arrive festooned in the skins of slaughtered animals, none of the characters is judged. Barry simply shows their respective limitations and leaves them to find each other out. What finally scuppers Johnny's marriage to Julia is his father's helpful suggestion for their honeymoon itinerary as house-guests of his European banking colleagues.

The virtue of this approach is that it humanizes a group of stereotypes. The negative effect is that it snaps the mainspring of the story. There are no longer any real adversaries. There are those who live by money and ambition, and those like Linda and her free-spirited cronies who live parasitically on the system they despise. All they can do is poke fun at it, and converse in



Mary Steenburgen's Linda: fine ensemble performance

a style of italicized banter guaranteed to exclude the dull fools who are wasting their lives in offices, and reinforce their own sense of belonging to a chic secret society. Barry has rightly been praised for his dialogue, which disdains wisecracks and quotable lines but preserves a spontaneous, playful surface, always in character and periodically rising into beautifully phrased parodies of dime novels and patriotic rhetoric. The delivery of this kind of material, especially from Geoffrey Burridge and Clare Clifford, is one of the pleasures of Lindsay Anderson's production. Another is Frank Grimes's beautifully understated performance of Ned, the alcoholic brother, whose enforced daily attendance at the office is a form of slow-motion suicide. This is a study in total passivity, without the least forcing of comic effect, and the result is a spellbinding piece of high comedy acting.

Of the central trio Cherie Lunghi shows heroic restraint in dismissing Julia's spiteful banality until the last possible moment. Also there is a true sense of family affection between her and Mary Steenburgen's Linda — which, among other things, is a fine ensemble performance, only gradually moving into central position and building up a sense of alienation in the household with tortured smiles and loaded silences where other actresses might have collapsed into anger. Malcolm McDowell, looking a good 10 years too old for Johnny, nevertheless gets the character across by cartwheeling into the sumptuous living-room (sets by Michael Pavlaka, who excels in the second act playroom) and thereafter putting his case for the free life to his prospective father-in-law (Don Fellows, also looking much older than his alleged 58) with a candour that never overreaches itself into impudence. The play is no masterpiece, but, revived as handsomely as this, it earns its place.

Irving Wardle

The Amen Corner Tricycle

James Baldwin's first play arrives in London, more than 30 years after he wrote it, in this outstanding production by Anton Phillips and Carib Theatre. *Vogues* dismissed an off-Broadway production as "shapelessly muddled", probably because Baldwin dares to suggest that a death-bed remission might be capable of affecting the life of the survivor.

Against a background of the hymns and preaching of a black American church the play focuses on the home life of the charismatic woman preacher. For 10 hard years Sister Margaret Alexander has been herding her flock of sinners into her Holy Ghost Station and on towards the Lord, preaching against liquor, jazz musicians, cake and ale. Baldwin shows, almost in passing, the fragility of this sort of religion, where a leader's hold over the led is only as safe as their last shouted "Amen".

Margaret's position is lost once her feet are found to be clay. What Baldwin is telling us is that this is our own mortal clay, and as someone else put it, you must love one another or die.

Margaret's trial begins when her long-lost husband Luke staggers back to her still clutching the trombone that once brought him fame if little money. Their son David is knotted up with guilt at his own longing to play jazz on the piano, and one of the core speeches is the long-delayed confrontation between father and son.

The son (Sylvester Williams) is hurt, trying not to be judgemental, torn between the ivories and the Lord, and Luke (a masterly performance by Al Matthews) is flat on his back on a brass bedstead, clutching the mouthpiece of his trombone, denied the chance to clutch his wife, gasping out the human need for love.

The other major scenes are those between Luke and Margaret, in which Baldwin sets out her growth of self-perception, which Carmen Munroe magnificently presents to us with a restrained, refined skill that ends by being moving and just. Around this central focus the life of the congregation seethes on. Baldwin has a marvellous ability for showing characters twining like support neatly underpinned with venom. A great evening.

Jeremy Kingston

CONCERT

Fires of London Elizabeth Hall

Orkney as night closed over the colour of the east window. Of course, in those days his music was by no means so universally loved as it is today. Not at all. I remember a performance of *Lesallies* (you know, the one with the male dancer who thinks he's Christ in a life class) when Tom Yang's final revelation was very stiffly received by an audience at the Kirkwall Arts Theatre. Hard to imagine now, isn't it?

But, you know, it wasn't only his own music they played. There was that whirlwind of six-part conversation that Elliott Carter wrote for them in his Triple Duo, and there were pieces by younger composers who knew just how scary brilliant they could afford to be with a group like this playing for them.

Still, it was right they should bow out with a concert mostly of Sir Peter's things. That was when we heard *Winterfold* for the first time, with Mary Thomas giving a minor intimation of the sombreness of *Into the Labyrinth*. And

there was an occasional piece, Dowland's "Farewell" fancy, appropriately enough, turned out by Sir Peter in the greys of the marimba-based ensemble he used to use so often for those things.

And memories were stirred. I think we all thought the arrangement of a fantasia and two pavans by Purcell had seen happier and better tuned days, but I can't believe any of us had ever heard a more thoroughly inhabited, perfectly enunciated, curiously delivered and altogether commanding performance of the *Eight Songs for a Mad King* than that which David Wilson-Johnson gave.

I know I for one had thought I knew all about the piece, but there it was: shockingly new, and done with the sort of dramatic incisiveness from the instrumentalists that had always marked the best Fires occasions. There was David Campbell hot and driving at the clarinet, Helen Keen avianly pretty on the flute, and dear Stephen Pruslin, who had been with them from the start, dancing from one keyboard instrument to another. I wonder what became of them all afterwards... (he gets up and exits stage left).

Paul Griffiths

The making of Andrei Tarkovsky's
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THE TIMES PROFILE

PAUL CHANNON

The bland Victoria Street headquarters of the Department of Trade and Industry has gained the reputation of a kind of Hammer House of Horror among ministers.

Civil servants shudder as they hasten past its portals, and will scarcely venture inside without a clove of garlic in the pocket to ward off evil. The minister who is unlucky enough to inherit the place risks being found next morning crouched in a corner, babbling incoherently about the sanctity of the market, with his hair turned snow-white overnight.

The ancestral curse struck down Cecil Parkinson in 1983 — within weeks of moving in. His successor, Norman Tebbit, was seriously injured in the Brighton bombing a year later. Leon Brittan, who followed him, was forced to resign in the Westland affair after less than a year.

Paul Channon, who took on the unholly inheritance under the rather humiliating condition of having visibly been third choice, has had at least as miserable a year as any of his predecessors. It was dominated by the death of his 22-year-old student daughter, Olivia, of a drugs overdose at an Oxford post-finals celebration. The hue and cry raised by the press over a drugs scandal among the rich and privileged drew an additional savour from the fact that the victim was the child of a Cabinet minister.

At the same time, the work of his department has been marked by a series of misfortunes. He bears little or no blame for most of them, but he has had to announce them — or, still more embarrassingly, to stand aside because they concern his own family business, the Guinness Group.

Even before the Westland aftermath of inquisitions and recriminations was past, he had to announce a government climb-down over a plan — no longer viable in the post-Westland climate of industrial patriotism — to let the tastier parts of British Leyland pass to American control.

He also had to defend as best he could his department's culpable feebleness, under his predecessors, over the great tin prices scandal. Then in May, he announced that British Shipbuilders was going to have to find 3,500 more redundancies.

Guinness's robust pursuit of its takeover plans, culminating in last month's insider dealing allegations, put him in an increasingly difficult position, through his family connection with what has become one of the biggest City scandals in a generation. His decision this month to let market forces determine the BTR-Pilkington takeover contest brought criticisms from both sides of the House.

In spite of its resolution through BTR's withdrawal of its bid, the Pilkington affair has been particu-

larly damaging to his reputation for political judgement, because he failed to consult three of his ministers of state about a decision touching on issues where party policy is in a very delicate state. A few months ago, his refusal to intervene would scarcely have been questioned; now it tends to appear legalistic and insensitive.

Channon is openly and patronisingly spoken of in his own party as a lame duck minister promoted above his abilities and almost certain to be dropped after the election.

"He is capable of tough judgement, though not a great innovator — it is more his manner than anything else that makes people think he's a lightweight," says a former ministerial colleague, damning with faint praise. Mr Michael Grylls, chairman of the party's trade and industry committee, praises his readiness to listen to criticism, not at all a general talent among ministers. In the Lobby, however, he is not regarded as a good communicator: he is too shy.

It is clear that he is viewed with real personal respect and affection. "He is an extraordinarily nice man, and that's a general view," says Sir Anthony Meyer, one of the Commons critics of the Pilkington decision. "But I do think ministers need to be more robust with their civil servants."

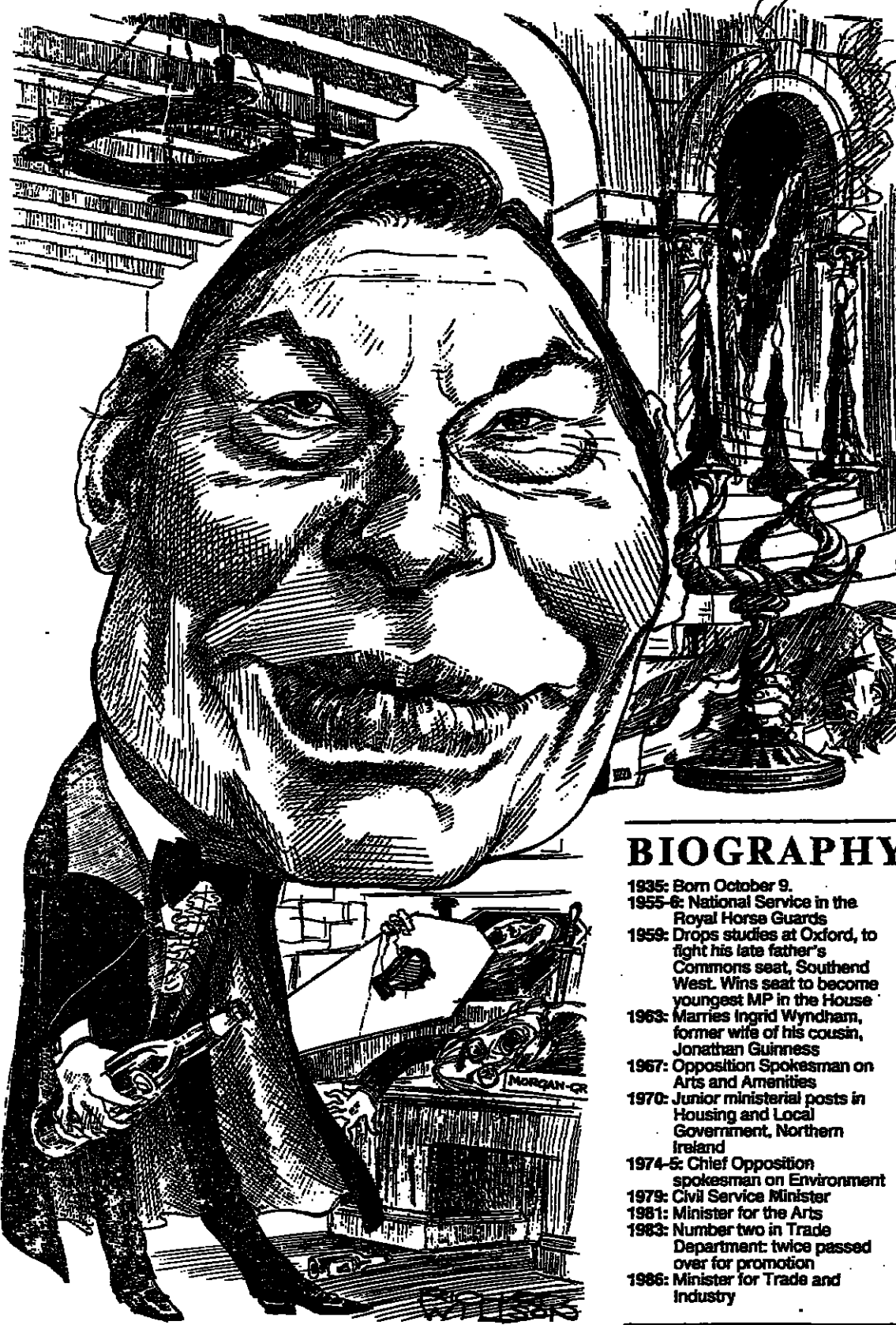
His conduct through the all-too-public private trials of last summer won him admiration: "He was very courageous while it was being raked up week after week. He never once let it ride over him," says one MP who worked closely with him at that time.

It would have been no surprise if he had decided then to bow out of a thankless task on personal grounds. He has no financial and little career incentive to hang on. But resignation would have sealed the department's reputation as a house of doom, and forced the Prime Minister into an unwanted late reshuffle. It is evidence of loyalty that he stayed.

Far from having turned white during his sojourn in the Department, his hair remains dark, with a rigorously-parted, old-fashioned Whitehall cut. He is a tall, courtly figure with a diffident air unusual in a minister — handsome, but with rather immobile features, which, with the sleek hair which looks as if it had been painted on, make his head look like that of a wooden doll.

He is fond of Wagner and old buildings and has developed a natural talent for palindromes to the point where he can talk backwards as fluently as forwards — a knack occasionally useful for passing covert messages to his wife at dull parties.

Backed by the Guinness clan's millions, and bequeathed a safe seat by his father while he was still an



BIOGRAPHY

1935: Born October 9.
1955-6: National Service in the Royal Horse Guards.
1959: Does studies at Oxford, to fight his late father's Commons seat, Southend West. Wins seat to become youngest MP in the House.
1963: Marries Ingrid Wynham, former wife of his cousin, Jonathan Guinness.
1967: Opposition Spokesman on Arts and Amenities.
1970: Junior ministerial posts in Housing and Local Government, Northern Ireland.
1974-6: Chief Opposition spokesman on Environment.
1979: Civil Service Minister.
1981: Minister for the Arts.
1983: Number two in Trade Department; twice passed over for promotion.
1986: Minister for Trade and Industry.

Jinxed? Paul Channon, popular but insufficiently ruthless minister of a department where no one survives for long

undergraduate (it has been a family heirloom since 1918), he never had to struggle to make his way in politics. Perhaps the sense that he has never had to do so is one source of his diffidence.

He was born to politics and parties. His father was Sir Henry "Chips" Channon, MP. Bringing his own inherited wealth from Chicago, this inebriated interloper married into the Guinness family and set out to be a quintessential English gentleman, such as only a pre-war American could be.

He entertained political and social lions lavishly (secretly lacing their drinks with Benzadrine to make the conversation more glittering), found people who went on about the Nazi threat excessively boring, spoke once a year in the Commons if he had time, and kept a diary which is a treasure-house of gossip and unconscious self-exposure. He used to call his only son "the Dauphin".

So far as that world of princesses dripping with rubies and men born to command still exists, his son remains in the thick of it. The family's house in Cheyne Walk, the Grade I listed mansion in Essex and foothold on the island of Mustique were obligingly dwelt on in the publicity surrounding Olivia Channon's death.

His parliamentary career very soon acquired greater distinction than his father's — though the diary

will probably secure the father an immortality that the son cannot aspire to.

The compliments paid in 1959 by distinguished statesmen to the accomplished maiden speech of the House's youngest Member might have been enough to turn the head of any 23-year-old. He was quickly picked to serve as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Rab Butler — the best possible point of vantage for anyone starting out in politics. (Oddly enough, his father had also served Butler in the same capacity, for him it was the peak of his Commons career.) In 1967 he made a troubled speech in a debate about drug abuse, calling for research into whether the ban on cannabis tended to draw drug-users into experimenting with hard drugs.

He was quick in reaching the front bench, and slow in reaching the Cabinet. His record is one of diligent industry in second-rank posts, with more than his share of competently standing in for an absent chief — most notably as Minister for the Civil Service in a period of acute industrial ill-will, while Lord Soames was away governing Rhodesia.

Mrs Thatcher dropped him as a manifest wet when she became leader, and in the late 1970s sought to divert him into Euro-politics. He

obediently tried to secure a Strasbourg seat, but failed. By degrees, she acknowledged his usefulness.

Only one colleague I spoke to called him ambitious ("he likes to be near the centre of things" — a phrase that calls his father to mind). Five years ago he confessed that, having been the baby of the House, he would like to stay to be father of the House too. Although he is only 51, there are already only 70 or 80 with a longer continuous service. But his appetite for punishment must have been affected by the experiences of the last 12 months.

Once he nursed a higher ambition. At a party soon after he entered the Commons, a teaser persistently challenged him to deny that he aspired to be Prime Minister (what MP does not?). At last he blushed (he has a blushing complexion) and confessed that he had an ambition, but a different one: to be Speaker, as four of his ancestors already had been.

Cabinet Ministers have usually made too many enemies in their time to be acceptable in the Speaker's chair. But there are several distinguished exceptions. If Channon ever became a candidate, there might be some doubts about his capacity to keep an unruly Chamber in order. But he would scarcely find an enemy in the House to oppose him.

George Hill

Much ado about mushing

A chilly, Arctic howl of joy is going up this weekend over the peaks and forests of Aviemore. Two hundred Siberian husky dogs have been ferried to Scotland by their devoted owners for the fifth annual Spillers-Bonio Snow Rally, and thanks to the cold snap in the south more of them than usual have been able to practise in real snow. So if the Glenmore Forest can manage an inch or two more of slippery powder before the weekend, the British record might be broken yet again.

It has been improving steadily for the last five years. British drivers, or "mushers", are rising steadily towards international standards (set by America and Germany), and last year Ian McCrae did his four miles in 164 minutes, a speed undreamt of at the first rally in 1983. At that time, there were only 230 Siberian huskies in the country, and only a handful ran with sleds. Today there are more than 600, and a third of them will be competing seriously at Aviemore. Of the 62 teams, at least eight contain six dogs, the mushing world's equivalent of Formula 1. Novices and dilettantes may wobble across the snow behind two or four baying hounds, but the six-dog set compete fiercely among themselves for the coveted top speeds and trophies.

Sled-dog racing is an atavistic business. Siberian huskies were bred by the Chukchi Eskimos of Siberia, and, unlike the bigger Greenland dogs, lived indoors with families, doubling up as pillows or extra blankets (there is an expression in the language for extreme cold: a "three-dog night"). So they are peaceable enough to be allowed special permission to sleep in hotel rooms during the rally. But they are disconcerting animals: apart from frequently having one brown and one blue eye, they sport twin white peaks above their eyes, like devils in Japanese theatre; have double coats and fur inside their ears, and are equipped with

The cold snap has been a boon to Britain's growing band of sled-dog racers, gathering at Aviemore tomorrow

musher's only control is either to shout Eskimo commands ("Hike!" for go, "Gee" and "Haw" for right and left), or to jump off and dig his heels in hard. John Evans, a photographer from Northampton who organizes the rally, concedes that "the people with the best times are pretty fit: they get off and run behind the dogs up steep hills."

The real skill is to keep the huskies in condition. From October to March, dedicated mushers train their dogs with wheeled carts, bouncing down forest tracks from Cornwall to Yorkshire (the rules state they have to bring a wheeled "wig" up to Scotland, in case of an unseasonal thaw). "You can't take them

'Their noses go dry at night to prevent them from icing over'

for walks," says Evans. "How can you expect a dog to walk on a lead one day and not drag you along, then the next day to pull like mad? It has to be a dog that is reasonably obedient, although mushers accept philosophically that they can't entirely be trusted not to 'shoot off the track in pursuit of someone's Jack Russell'."

It's not a rich man's sport, although there are some Range Rovers in attendance. "We can't afford £300 stop-watches," John Evans says, "and our electronic timers keep freezing up and casting doubt on the results. I find the trick is to keep a spare one under my armpit."

There are trophies for the



Formula 1: John Evans with his wife Penny and their team webbed toes like a duck's for running on snow. Their noses go completely dry at night, an ancient reflex to protect them from icing over.

The dogs are gentle enough with people, but their hereditary hunting instinct is too risky for our gentle, stock-farmed countryside. Owners never let them run free. At the start of a race, therefore, the system is to tie dogs to the sled and the sled to a stout post (only one musher sees out at once). The dogs lean into their harness, tug and wriggle and bark with ragged, deafening frustration for a few moments, the musher climbs aboard, and at the signal an assistant lets off the rope. The sled then jerks forward as the dogs scamper furiously down the track, their jagged barking melting memorably into a concerted and chilling howl.

Without reins, the

winners, and the Mikalya Red Lamp presented deservingly to the chronic losers; but this year the greatest warmth will accompany the Pugh Trophy "for the musher displaying the most sportsmanlike attitude to the event". This, a new award, was expected to go to someone who lent out his best sled, or dog a rival out of a snowdrift instead of it has been awarded in advance to a man who won't even be there.

Mike Neito, a keen competitor in all the previous rallies, lost a leg in a serious car accident a short time ago. "Apparently Mike lay in the road and said to his wife: 'We're still going to get to Aviemore,'" Evans says. "He was optimistic, but we all think he deserves the trophy for sportsmanship."

Libby Purves

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Private railways: the Japanese bite the bullet

Norio Abe hands a coffee and hot buttered toast to a middle-aged man in a dark kimono and says: "I would go back to the railways tomorrow if I was given the chance."

A few months ago Abe was driving engines on one of Tokyo's busiest railway lines. Today he is managing a coffee shop at Shinjuku station, where his runs used to originate.

Like thousands of other railway workers who had expected to spend the rest of their lives with Japanese National Railways (JNR), he has been shunted off into a side-business prior to the privatization of the system in April. By then, 95,000 railmen will have lost their jobs.

Abe is one of the lucky ones. Seizing the inevitable, he agreed to move into his new career rather than resist. His more committed union colleagues with the largest national railwaymen's union, Kokuro, have been sent to what their union calls "concentration camps" for their opposition to the break-up of the country's railways.

And at least one worker who changed sides and supported the government's plans for privatization has been murdered.

Hiving off the Japanese national railway will shunt 95,000 employees into sideline jobs

The privatization of its railways is a good illustration of how conflict is as real as in Western societies, but Japanese society has its own way of dealing with it. At national level there is little disagreement that something had to be done about JNR's accumulated deficit, which will have reached Yen37 trillion (£160 billion) — more than the combined debts of Mexico and Brazil — when it is broken up into six private companies.

Like so many things in Japan, when privatization becomes a reality it will have been the result of a process that has taken years to reach fruition, beginning with a consensus among the most powerful figures in the economy, the bureaucracy and politics.

JNR did not start to lose money until the mid-1960s after vast sums had been invested in the glamorous Shinkansen "bullet" trains. These services have been successful, safe and profitable and the 135mph trains now run from one end of the country to the other. The trouble is that such is their glamour that every politician of note feels he needs a Shinkansen station in his district.



Brushing up: redundant railwaymen at work in what their union calls a 'concentration camp'

Over the years, promises of Shinkansen services have brought in innumerable votes for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. And with every new Shinkansen put on to a marginal or loss-making line, JNR's deficit has increased.

The railwaymen's union says that it is being made the scapegoat for years of greedy self-indulgence by politicians who were interested only in the next election.

The leader of Kokuro, Satoshi Roppongi, has been losing his members at the rate of 10,000 a month through pressure at the work place from management and members of other, right-wing, railway unions who have agreed to go along with the privatization plan. "Japan is teaching the

rest of the world how to privatize a national railway system," Roppongi says ironically.

The campaign to improve JNR began in the mid-1970s when the government introduced a new productivity plan and working rules. That was resisted by the unions and failed, not least, according to experts, because at that time JNR's productivity did not compare unfavourably with private railways in other countries.

But gradually the rules have been tightened and more pliable staff transferred to the metropolises from outlying areas, such as the northern island of Hokkaido and the southern island of Kyushu. Working rules in Tokyo are

now so strict that, if a train pulls out of a station more than 15 seconds behind schedule, it is recorded as an "incident".

Brakemen not only have to look after the safety of the train but also collect excess fares. The number of reportable "incidents" has risen tenfold in the past two years and safety concerns are being neglected, according to Professor Hideo Totoku of the Institute of Social Science at Tokyo University.

Having failed to convert most of Kokuro, which has extensive influence in the regions, the government set about trying to retrain the unionists by taking them to a special school. They were first made to remove their union badges and put through various exercises, such as long marches, designed to reduce their self-esteem. There were few defections.

Not long afterwards, a second batch of men was dispatched to the school. Having spoken with their colleagues, they resolutely refused to remove their union badges and, after three days of resistance, the JNR management gave up on the scheme and sent them all home.

Having failed to make a significant number of conversions through re-education, the management began dispatching union members and sympathizers to what the union calls "concentration camps" and what JNR calls "personnel development centres". In reality the men are assigned to a separate building in their usual place of work. Some are assigned to their regular duties, but others have little or nothing to do except clean windows and floors or paint railway property. Others just spend their days lying around or reading.

The management has set up 1,300 of the centres around the country; 50,000 men have been transferred to them. If they show some willingness to change their ways, they may be admitted to one of the new private railway companies, but for most there is now little chance of that, even if they feel so inclined. Most of the men will probably spend the next three years in limbo until government funds for their re-training and re-location run out.

David Watts

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THE TIMES DIARY

Hold on, there

Labour party general secretary Larry Whitty met Labour's Euro- MPs in Strasbourg yesterday in an attempt to head off an embarrassing clash with Walworth Road. In contrast to previous years, when information campaign funds were handed over to party HQ in London, Whitty is worried that Labour's MEPs will insist on hanging on to future funds and use them to pursue their goal of withdrawal from the EEC. Whitty can think of scores of better ways to spend what could amount to almost £1 million over the next few years than reopening the old wounds over Europe. Meanwhile, Tory MEPs preparing to vote for a leader to succeed Sir Henry Plumb are wondering if they may soon find themselves answerable to another female leader. Though Sir Fred Catherwood is tipped to win, I understand that Baroness Elles has a good outside chance. In contrast to Sir Henry, her linguistic skills are such that on one occasion, when the official translation service broke down, she translated MEPs' questions into perfect Italian.

Wild frontier

Sir Henry Plumb, the new president of the European Parliament, who confesses to speaking no language but English, should get hold of *The Traveller's Picture Phrase-Book* published next week by "Vacation" Words of Oxford. Instead of words and phrases, it has hundreds of drawings — from sticking plasters to bug-infested mattresses — to which the linguistic incompetent may point in extremis. Its sole concession to

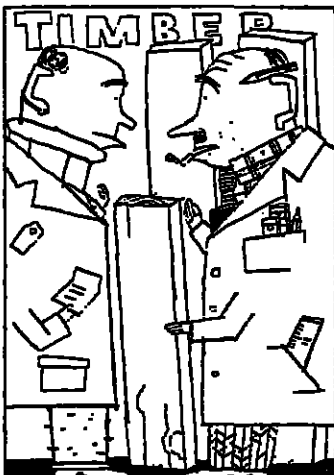


verbal communication with the natives is a list of "please" and "thank you" in 40 languages, the only omission being the Afghan Pashto for please, a word that appears either never to have existed or to have fallen into disuse over there.

Some catch

Has Lord Hill-Norton, Admiral of the Fleet and former chief of defence staff, uncovered an extraterrestrial threat? He has written the foreword to Timothy Good's forthcoming book *Above Top Secret*, which claims an international conspiracy to cover up the existence of UFOs. Sidgwick and Jackson say it contains the story of a Hampshire fisherman who was invited aboard a spaceship. Lord Hill-Norton is coy about what he has written or if he believes in flying saucers. "I'm not going to tell you," he roared down the telephone. "Just so you can have a crack at a chap trying to make a few bob out of a book. Keep watching the skies, admiral."

BARRY FANTONI



"Thickness? We've got three inch, five inch and Princess D!"

Sitting tight

The assumption that the near-octogenarian Lord Halsham will at last give up the Woolpack come the next election may be wrong. In the most senior quarters of government, friends are now saying that the old boy, as he is affectionately known, has no intention of leaving of his own volition. Moreover, though he would retire gracefully if asked to by the Prime Minister, colleagues doubt whether Mrs Thatcher will actually bring herself to do so. The problems posed by longevity are not confined to the Tory benches. Lord Elwyn Jones, 77 and thought to be approaching retirement, is said to be letting it be known that he would like to be Lord Chancellor if Labour wins — upsetting calculations that the post was Lord (Sam) Silkin's for the asking.

● Labour financial policies are already set to cost City-slickers dear. Seats for a one-day briefing on Labour's plans, organized by the Fabian Society, are on sale at £172.50 each.

Fit as a fiddle

Scene outside Waterloo station yesterday morning: a man sits patiently in a wheelchair as metal ramps are produced from the boot of a new Metrocab to demonstrate its ease of access for the disabled. Flashbulbs flash as he is wheeled inside; more flashbulbs as he sits gazing stolidly out of the rear window. The photographer pronouncing satisfaction, the wheelchair occupant leaps nimbly out and saunters away.

PHS

In agreeing at last to reopen the case of six Irishmen apparently wrongly imprisoned for 12 years for the 1974 Birmingham pub bombings, the Home Secretary may seem to have done something to help maintain the high standard of British justice.

But by refusing to reopen the cases of four people serving life sentences for the Guildford pub bombings of the same year, and of the seven members of the Maguire household jailed in the aftermath, he has dealt it a damaging blow. Not only may his decision be endangering, for 11 people, those elementary human rights for which we agitate in other countries, but by conceding one judicial review he conveys the impression of a political trade-off carried out to avoid the embarrassment of reviewing all three cases together. The more elegant formula he puts forward is the need for "new evidence and considerations of substance."

The circumstantial evidence of innocence in the Guildford and Maguire cases is in fact far stronger even than in the case of the Birmingham six; yet Mr Hurd assured the House on Tuesday that he had no doubt about the rightness of the convictions. How in the face of considerable doubts expressed by Lord Devlin, Lord Scarman, Cardinal Hume, and two former Home Secretaries (to name but a few) can he feel so confident?

The answer is by the use of the formula manufactured by the Home Office to the effect that only new evidence or considerations of substance can empower him to order a review.

The Birmingham case could be reopened because a policeman came forward to admit that the confessions were improperly extracted. No policeman has yet

Bombings: how can Hurd shun the other 11?

by Robert Kee

made a similar admission over the Guildford case, though the police allegedly involved have been repeatedly named and none has sued for libel. Nor has anyone yet said there was something irregular in the Maguire case, about the contamination of the nitroglycerine swabs, on which they were convicted. No other argument therefore, goes the Home Secretary's reasoning, need count.

In fact the Home Office reliance on this formula is misleading. In the first place the 1968 Statute which makes possible the reference of such cases to the Court of Appeal merely stipulates that the Home Secretary can do this "if he thinks fit." There is no mention of new evidence or considerations of substance. Secondly, the Home Secretary also misleads when he says there is no new evidence. There are two significant pieces of evidence, new in the sense that no jury has ever been allowed to consider them.

The first is the acceptance by the Court of Appeal in 1977 that two other men in British custody were probably involved in the Guildford bombings. This court at the same time rejected these men's insistence that those convicted

had nothing to do with it. If our jury system is sacred, as the Home Secretary insists, it is the role of the jury, not of a High Court, to decide the truth or otherwise of such a matter. No jury has ever been permitted to do so, any more than those two other men have ever been tried.

The second piece of evidence on which no jury has ever sat is a government scientific assessment that a subsequent pub bombing in Caterham was of an identical pattern with that at Guildford and probably committed by the same people. This was never given to the defence at the trial and therefore never available to the jury.

But there is a further misleading aspect to the Home Secretary's formula: no new evidence is in fact required. Legal precedent most recently collated by Lord Diplock in a judgment of 1983 makes clear that it is "the whole case" that is to be referred to the Court of Appeal, that "this must include all facts and law involved in it, and that cogent arguments not properly developed at the previous hearing would be relevant for the court's consideration." The Home Secretary blandly ignores this point.

The arguments developed at the

Maguire trial were concerned almost entirely with the validity of the test for nitroglycerine. Though there were indeed grounds for querying this test (the Home Office today does not use it without a confirmatory test) the jury were not unreasonable in believing Crown evidence about its validity. The cogent argument not properly developed by the defence was that in the absence of any other nitroglycerine or of any bomb-making equipment either in the house or neighbourhood of the Maguire house, and in the light of the household's movements that day and other evidence, it was impossible that the nitroglycerine on the swabs could have come from their hands.

The Home Secretary's formula need for "new evidence" misleads on two central counts: (a) there is in fact new evidence for a jury and (b) there does not have to be any. What then about "considerations of substance"? The formula was developed by the Home Office to oblige in the celebrated Confit case in which three young men sentenced to life imprisonment solely on uncorroborated confessions were found to have had those confessions wrongly obtained. But how is the phrase to be interpreted? Whose considerations? What substance? The final important answer to these questions should be a jury's at a retrial, and the Court of Appeal can grant a retrial. The considerations of substance which determine a Home Secretary to "think it fit" to have such cases reviewed should not be the all-decisive one.

Mr Hurd should think again, or, if that is too embarrassing, resign. The cause of British justice and the values which it protects are too important to be sacrificed for any politician's face.

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Conor Cruise O'Brien considers the fate of Enlightenment values — and finds that despite some setbacks the spirit of Locke and Voltaire is today gaining ground

It is 100 years since Friedrich Nietzsche pronounced the death of God. God was supposed to have died of the Enlightenment, with complications. Enlightenment values — the primacy of rationality, the secular polity, the necessity of toleration — then seemed to be securely dominant in the advanced world, and sure to dispel the antique shadows that still covered the rest of the earth.

A large part of the Enlightenment, particularly that part associated with the inculcation of tolerance, was infected by the Christian ethic of compassion; which had been foisted on the Gentiles by the Jews, and had unmanned them. What Nietzsche found exhilarating about the death of God was that it implied the death also of those elements of post-Enlightenment culture which had exploited the Christian God. The death of the Christian parasites would clear the way for the return of the Aryan virtues of a warrior culture in a pure form: fierceness, pride, revenge and the elimination of the unfit.

Nietzsche looked forward to the return and triumph of those values in the 20th century. They returned all right, flourished spectacularly for a time, then fell into discredit, through the defeat of the most formidable counter-Enlightenment enterprise, the Third Reich.

By just before the mid-20th century, Enlightenment values seemed in some ways more securely dominant than in the late 19th century. What now became the mightiest society and polity in the world had the Enlightenment at its core of its laws. True, the population of the United States is hardly as enlightened as its constitution. But the secular polity, with religious toleration, is guaranteed, not merely by the constitution, but by functional necessity in a country with a multiplicity of religions, none of which is enjoying a national ascendancy.

In the rest of the world too, just before the mid-20th century, Enlightenment values had acquired as never before a universal prestige, and Enlightenment rhetoric a universal currency. Like the constitution of the United States — and not entirely by coincidence — the charter of the United Nations written in the language of the Enlightenment, as is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Of the five permanent members of the Security Council, three — Britain, France and the United States — were the original homelands of the Enlightenment, and long familiar, in some cases even to boredom, with its language and concepts (China didn't count, in such matters, at the time). And as for the Soviet Union, it too felt at home, on paper, with this language and these concepts, which had found notable expression in Stalin's 1936 constitution.

So a kind of official international Pentecost of the Enlightenment ensued. Had Locke and Voltaire, Diderot and Jefferson returned to earth in this period, they would have been gratified by the universal diffusion of those principles which they had in common. They would have been saddened, but not particularly surprised, to find how widely practice differed from profession.

Over the last 40 years, in fact, there has been an apparent decline in the prestige and influence of Enlightenment ideas. As against that, there has been a proportionate rise in the prestige and influence of revealed religions, both Christian and non-Christian. And these tendencies appeared most marked in the first six years of the present decade.

In large part, these tendencies have been favoured by the Cold War. The ideologies of both superpowers descend from the Enlightenment, though through vastly different historical and cultural channels. But these superpowers, with all their secular inheritance, had now to compete for the allegiance of peoples.



Fresh rays of light where all was gloom

leaders and populations which had been, on the whole, only superficially and fitfully affected by Enlightenment ideas.

The Soviet Union has an explicitly atheistic ideology, intrinsically uncongenial to large sections of the world's population in so far as they understand it. The United States by contrast, seemed to have far more freedom of manoeuvre. But religious people generally don't care to have people of other religions talking to them about God, whether for or against. In Vietnam, the Americans learned the hard way that God can be a peculiar kind of ally. First they relied on the Catholics. Then they found that their reliance on the Catholics had alienated the Buddhists. So they ditched the Catholics and in the end were left with no friends at all.

The enterprise of rallying the godly of all creeds to the banner of the United States hardly worked out, in terms of the hopes of the Eisenhower-Dulles era. Although it probably made the Soviet Union a bit nervous, and inclined to soft pedal the anti-God theme, all in all, the forces of the Enlightenment came to seem less confident than in 1945.

Religious leaders, of various types, grew proportionately more confident. In critical areas of the Third World — the Middle East and Latin America — religious forces tended to coalesce with nationalism: counter-Enlightenment was sometimes a bond. The pious mostly disliked the Enlightenment in itself, as challenging, or worse still, corrupting, true religion. Nationalists disliked the Enlightenment because it was foreign, and associated with European dominance.

Of course, US policies in various Third World countries were empirical, largely uncoordinated, and often improvised. The courting of the religious was only one aspect, but it seems to have had its effects, in making religious leaders more aware of their political potential, and of the vulnerability of the secular. Where the Americans did back a secularizing elite — as in Iran — they seem to have

tried to get their friends to tone down the secular aspects to placate at least some of the religious leaders. In this way, the Americans inadvertently advertised the vulnerability of the regime, its dependence on outside power, and the uncertainty of that outside power's support, especially against a revolt in the name of religion.

So in the end American policy, both general and particular, helped to make Tehran safe for theocracy. Which might have been all right, politically speaking, had the theocracy in question not defined the United States as the Great Satan. The United States — not the anti-God power against which it had sought to unite the godly.

Meanwhile, in the United States itself, the counter-Enlightenment made progress which, while limited, has been significant. Despite the constitutional separation of church and state, a kind of informal, semi-official, state cult has grown up. This cult is pan-Christian — "Judeo-Christian" at election times and in New York — conservative and intensely nationalistic, so nationalistic that the actual object of worship appears, to a foreign observer, to be the United States itself.

The solemn moment of the liturgical year of this cult is the annual National Prayer Breakfast, held each January in Washington. I attended the 1985 Breakfast, in Washington, President Reagan was there, with Nancy; there were members of Congress, Supreme Court judges, mayors of great cities.

The opening prayer ran: "Oh Lord, help us, in the excitement of the presence among us of the President of the United States, to remember also your Son, Jesus Christ."

On the whole, secular values have taken something of a beating, both inside and outside the United States. In the second half of the 20th century, but I don't wish to imply that Enlightenment values are in the process of flickering out. They may indeed spread, through setbacks. I don't believe that the Third World, or even the Islamic world, is about to be covered by a tidal wave of fundamentalism.

Experience of theocracy may breed an understanding of the need for secular authority. The Rule of the Saints has never lasted for very long, anywhere. In Iran, the Shah brought secular values into disrepute; his successors may be doing the same for theocracy. In that case, a secular state could come to be seen as an Iranian need, not an imposition.

In America the secular state remains a functional necessity, and such phenomena as the National Prayer Breakfast hardly more than excrescences on the secular state. Also the tendency to have Ronald Reagan co-opted into the Blessed Trinity has been filtering a bit, since November. And television evangelism, booming throughout most of the decade, recently seems to have entered some kind of recession.

All the same, I suspect that Enlightenment values will be under increasing pressure between now and the end of the century. Society has yet to experience the full social, cultural, political and religious impact of Aids.

His impact seems likely to be doubly unfavourable, in relation to Enlightenment values. First, scourges are generally conducive to religious revivalism. Second, this particular scourge appears to many as God's vengeance on the permissive society. And the permissive society is inextricably connected in the public mind with secular values. Tolerance in sexual matters is already at something of a discount, and tolerance of other kinds may come increasingly into question through association. People who feel sure they know God's will are likely to feel increasingly confident.

Those, however, are the very people that the Enlightenment was devised to cope with. The Enlightenment has always been about people, rather than about God. It was a strategy designed to induce the people who think they know all about God to get off the backs of the rest of us. Such people are still around, and perhaps always will be. They know the Will of God, or of History, or the Dialectic, the Race or the Nation; and this Will always happens to provide the credentials for their own domination. It is in the nature of the Enlightenment to challenge such credentials and be challenged in return. How the challenges and counter-challenges will go we obviously cannot know. But there are encouraging signs, as well as the disquieting ones.

During our own decade, the Enlightenment seemed to lose a little ground in the US but gained a little in some countries where it had previously influenced rhetoric only, and not practice. In China and the Soviet Union there are glimmerings of toleration that were not there 10 years ago. A false dawn? Possibly, but perhaps not.

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Matthew Parris

Labour's final solution

A snowflake drifts past the window and, before you can say Jack Frost, there is Mrs Thatcher with £5 for every chilly pensioner. Someone or other in the City admits to something or other and on the next news bulletin, there is David Mellor, a Home Office minister, voice positively staking with moral horror, trebling (and more) the notional prison sentence for notional City offenders. Given the rules of criminal evidence, of course, they are seldom caught so, next week, Mr Mellor could safely double the sentence again; adding, thereafter, an extra year every week, reaching a life sentence by early spring; then, in one glorious bound, imposing boiling in oil — just in time for...

And there you have it — the general election. Ye gods, but the Tories seem quick off the mark this time. And there's more to come. For this bids fair to be a most professional contest, on both sides, I think.

In 1979 Labour's heart wasn't in it. In '83 the Tories were wreathed in the laurels of a victorious war, Labour was reeling, and the two sides never really engaged. But this time (opinion polls aside for a moment) Labour should be a formidable challenger. It has done almost everything right.

Approve or not, its proposals for the economy are hardly wild, dangerous radicalism. Its statements on spending and welfare are a judicious balance of restraint and promise. The "loony left" tag still stings, but Neil Kinnock is distancing the party effectively from this and will go further in the months ahead. Only on defence has Labour stepped seriously out of line with what the opinion researchers would have recommended; but a Harris poll commissioned recently by *Weekend World* suggested that voters do not put defence anywhere near the top of their priorities. In other areas of policy, the Harris findings indicated a party performing at worst satisfactorily in public esteem, at best splendidly.

As for the charge of inexperience, well, Mrs Thatcher and her team faced similar muttering before the '79 election. It did not prove fatal to them, and need not to Kinnock.

So far, then, as it lies within the wit of any British political party to do so, Labour deserves credit for getting most things right, since the nadir of 1983. The policy is saleable, the personalities likeable, and the sales pitch professional in a way that the Conservative Party had begun to think its monopoly. And yet, as dozens of commentators chorus, that obstinate little "how will you vote" rating has levelled off at about 38 per cent, well below what Labour needs. "If only," their strategists must inwardly sigh, "there was something we were doing wrong. Then we could put it right!"

"It is as if," a colleague remarked to me, "you had struggled through snow and ice, using all the right equipment, and picking the best routes, up the side of some

fearsome Himalayan peak — to emerge finally into the sunlight and find yourself atop K2, 800 feet below Everest, from whose summit Mrs Thatcher waves, maddeningly. What do you do?"

There are two alternatives. The second is too awful for any but the radical left to contemplate, but deserves a more careful hearing than the left generally gets. I shall come to it last.

The first — which is what will almost certainly happen — is "Stick to your guns, more of the same, and hope something turns up." And there is nothing wrong, up to a point, with that. Labour, or whoever, needs fleshing out, polishing and explaining. Roy Hattersley gets under way next week with a helpful new book. A little City-bashing here, a little cautious vision there, a further trim, perhaps, of defence policy towards the underlining statement of non-nuclear hope, that Denis Healey favours (and is closer to achieving than the Tories admit) — all these could nudge a point or two more on to the 38 per cent.

And then, of course, something may turn up. The habits of tactical voting — in constituencies where the two opposition parties are in danger of casting each other down and letting the Tory through — are being learnt by the electorate. Labour cannot officially encourage this but it is not unwelcome and may happen regardless. And events may come to Labour's aid. Another Libyan bombing, or a financial crisis, would bring support for its defence or economic policies. Nor should one ever underestimate this (or any) government's ability to come unstuck all on its own, without external help. We cannot know where, or the firefighters would be ready; it will be where the firefighters aren't.

All this may come to pass. Shadow ministers hope so and busily prepare for it. They discount an argument advanced only by the radical left. But I offer it the footnote I think it deserves. What if K2 is the wrong mountain? What if, by dint of all skill and effort, Labour has already nerved every fish that will swim the way of "Socialist men, capitalist measures"? What if 40 per cent equals 100 per cent of the traditional-plus-enticable Labour vote? What if moving closer to the Tories has inadvertently validated Tory thinking? What if Labour's natural electoral territory is diminishing and though, under Kinnock, its grip on the loyalty of that territory is growing strong, 40 per cent is the point, and 1987 the time, when advancing frontier meets retreating frontier, coming the other way? What if the 40 per cent of the voters Labour has got, and the way it has got them, are the reason the other 60 per cent aren't interested? It would be a cruel reflection upon a divided country. "Only from the ashes..." say the radical left, privately. I hope they are wrong.

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Sit up, sit up and watch the game

Today we have for you a cricketer's yarn entitled:

Have Bat, Will Travel

Ten years ago I formed a small cricketering agency called Out On Bat which was designed to help cricketers speak in public and to write books. These days the important thing is to stop cricketers speaking in public and my job has changed somewhat: now I sign up cricketers to play for counties they've never even heard of.

I flew out to Australia last week. Nothing odd about that; I fly out to Australia every week in search of cricketers to sign up. But it was only last week I realized that the job must be getting to me, when I woke on the aeroplane, grasped the sleeve of the stewardess and asked her how she'd like to sign up for Glamorgan.

"I'm sure I'd like it," she said, blushing, "but I'm signed up to Qantas for slow left-arm deliveries for two years. Anyway I've promised first refusal to that gentleman over there — for Worcestershire."

That gentleman turned out to be Major Thrush. We all call him Major, because he was in the Army for a while and rose to that particular rank. He doesn't seem to object to the nickname. The Major's job is to fly out to Australia and sign up cricketers for counties they've never heard of, but then, whose isn't?

"How much did you offer her, Major?" I said, easing myself over into the empty seat next to him.

"Ten pounds a week and generous free beer."

"Ten pounds a week? That's not exactly top wages for a modern cricketer, even if she is unskilled."

The Major let a smile skate across the top of his moustache and disappear.

"I'm not signing her up as part of the team. I'm signing her on as part of the audience."

Well, I'm a hardened old cynic — who wouldn't be after a couple of years working in English cricket? — but this was a new one on me. The Major explained, in words that even a Test cricketer could understand. It appeared that Worcestershire now had all the seam bowlers and middle order batsmen they could handle, but needed larger crowds to satisfy their sponsor. So the Major was

looking for talented or beautiful people just to watch the cricket. "Wouldn't it make more sense to recruit them in Worcestershire?" I said.

"It probably would," said the Major, "but what kind of travelling expenses do you pick up in Worcestershire? By the way, what's your mission out here?"

"I'm trying to get Vic Dildy to sign up to field for Kent."

The Major's brows furrowed. "I thought he'd already agreed to sign for Hampshire."

"To bowl and bat, yes. I've been through his contract with a magnifying glass, and I found that through an oversight they forgot to sign him up for fielding as well, so I want to get him to field for Kent. I won't help their fielding a lot, but it will certainly play hell with his bowling for Hampshire."

At that moment a man came down the aisle of the aircraft to go to the lavatory, and the Major was after him in a flash.

"Excuse me, sir, I wonder if you have ever considered watching cricket for a major English county...?" I heard him saying. In a few moments he was back. "Blasted American orthodox. Refuses to move to Worcestershire just to watch cricket. Says he can go crazy and watch American football any time he wants. Who'd want to watch American football? It's all talk and no action."

"Very like cricket, Major."

"Hm, possibly. By the way, old boy, any chance I can sign you up to watch for Worcestershire?"

I thought about it. It's a hard life, buying and selling cricketers. Writing their books for them. Thinking up the remarks they aren't supposed to make.

"I'd like to, Major. One thing though, I was born in Skipton."

Doesn't mean much to you, I suppose, but the Major got my drift.

"Good God, old boy! You're a Yorkshire supporter born and bred. You can't watch for anyone else. You're condemned to watch Yorkshire. My boy, I'm so sorry."

He ordered a drink for his spirits sufficiently to sign up the stewardess as a starker for next summer's Benson and Hedges.



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A MATTER OF PRIORITY

This week's ruling by the European Commission of Human Rights that the Government was not in breach of human rights provisions when it banned trade union membership at its Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham means that the three-year fight by Civil Service trade unions to continue representing staff at GCHQ is effectively at an end.

By ruling that the case — brought by the Council of Civil Service Unions — was "inadmissible" to the European Court, the Commission upheld the primacy of national security interests over the right of an individual to join a trade union. This is a primacy recognized by the European Convention on Human Rights, but one which has not gone unchallenged. In the case of GCHQ, this was entirely correct.

This ordering of priorities disappointed the trade union representatives — the European Commission was their last resort, and one which has given satisfaction to many whose cases have been frustrated in the English courts — but it should not have surprised them.

Their mistake was to elevate the question of trade unions at GCHQ to a general principle of human rights. No generalizations can be drawn from the case of GCHQ. With its crucial role in national and alliance security, it is a special case, and it always was a special case. The wonder was not that security interests

should override considerations of individual liberty at GCHQ, but that trade unions were ever permitted to operate at Cheltenham at all.

Now, however, the decision at Strasbourg should embolden the Government to clear up the muddle over pay and conditions at GCHQ once and for all. Cheltenham today houses three categories of employees: those (the majority) who were never members of a trade union or who accepted the £1,000 compensation for renouncing their membership; a small number who refused the money, persisted in their membership and retained their jobs, and an even smaller number who took the money and subsequently rejoined the union.

Ever since its decision to outlaw trade unions at GCHQ, the Government has given an impression of hesitancy. Even after the Government's victory in the House of Lords, GCHQ retained in its employ people who apparently prized their membership of a trade union more highly than the security of their country (as that was judged by the Government). Their GCHQ careers might have been blighted, but they continued to draw a government salary.

Until now, there was a tendency to excuse this inaction on the grounds that taking more stringent action might be more deleterious to operations at GCHQ than letting things slide. Specialized staff, it was argued, took a long

time to train and were hard to replace. Dismissing or transferring staff held security risks and could damage morale. Anyway, the case still had to go to Strasbourg.

Now that the European Commission has acknowledged that GCHQ is a special case, the Government should seize its opportunity. Cheltenham should in future be treated as distinct from the rest of the Civil Service, with its own conditions of service — and its own pay scales, which recognize both the special skills and the special loyalty required of staff in so sensitive an establishment. If such a move helps to break down the rigid pay and grading structures which impede recruitment elsewhere in the Civil Service, so much the better.

This is not to say that the banning of trade unions at GCHQ should be regarded as an example to be followed in other parts of the Civil Service. The special status of GCHQ, as upheld by the European Commission, works both ways. Individuals should be guaranteed the right to belong to a trade union (or not) — unless security considerations dictate otherwise.

This Government has not always emerged with credit when it has contested cases in foreign courts. Tuesday's decision at Strasbourg gives grounds for hoping that its luck (aggravated in courts from Dublin to Sydney by poor preparation, inattention to detail and lamentable presentation) may be turning.

MISSION IMPROBABLE

Israel's Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, will be hoping for the improbable when he meets Mrs Thatcher in 10 Downing Street today. What he would like is an assurance that Britain might resume a more active role in the Middle East at a time when American policy has been tripped up by Iran. What makes his mission seem impossible is that the Middle East is an unpromising constituency for any British leader in election year.

That is not his only objective, however, as he begins his first tour of European capitals since swapping jobs with Mr Yitzhak Shamir three months ago. He also needs to convince EEC leaders that nothing has changed — and that the Jerusalem government remains committed to reinvigorating the peace movement, despite the return to power of a right-wing prime minister. In this he may well be successful — if only because he would seem to have established a good working relationship with Britain.

His difficulty is that while Israel still favours direct talks with the Arab world as a means to secure a more stable peace in the region, it has not yet found anyone to talk to. The most obvious interlocutor is King Hussein of Jordan, with whom a satisfactory arrange-

ment for the West Bank should be possible. But Hussein remains reluctant to stick his neck out (which might almost literally be the case) without independent support from the West Bank Palestinians and/or international backing from a conference attended by the superpowers.

Israelis are still sceptical over the value of an international conference, and so far that matter are both Britain and the United States. The attendance of the Soviet Union would introduce an unknown factor — although Russian influence over Syria would make its presence very relevant in theory. At best, such a conference would probably take a long time without achieving anything. President Mubarak of Egypt, moreover, is now talking in terms of a preparatory conference to prepare the way for the real thing, so the process would take even longer.

Israel fears that, by then, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), weakened after its evacuation from Lebanon four years ago, might have regained much of its strength and influence — not only in Lebanon but also in the West Bank and Gaza. As a result any inclination on its part towards policies of compromise and

moderation might have vanished.

As for Israeli hopes of constructing a moderate Arab alternative to the PLO on the West Bank, these too are unlikely to be realized very quickly. In his interview with *The Times* this week, Mr Peres pointed to the growth of self-government on the West Bank, the emergence of more Arab mayors and the decrease of violence there since Mrs Thatcher's visit to Jerusalem eight months ago. But he acknowledged himself that it will take a long time for a strong enough force of so-called "King's men" to emerge.

Israelis insist that political allegiances on the West Bank are divided between those whose sympathies lie firmly with the PLO and those who are waiting for Hussein to provide the leadership they crave. The longer the King hesitates, the more likely they all are to turn to the PLO instead — and a stronger more determined PLO than now exists. That is why he would like Britain to nudge the King (an old friend) into the role of reluctant hero.

The snag is that Mrs Thatcher too will want more time until her own political future has been secured. And time is what Mr Peres feels he can least afford to give.

MR RIDLEY AND THE TOBACCO MEN

Mr Bryan Roach, "special events" manager of Rothmans, was one of those yesterday with the familiar task of representing the case of the tobacco companies concerning sponsorship of sport. "Anything which imposes further restrictions on our benefits from sponsoring events obviously makes those events less interesting to us", he said in reply to the latest voluntary agreement between his industry and the Government.

Obviously! Of course. What could be more obvious? The televised health warnings will now have to be bigger. The televised scoreboard may no longer be an all-electric pack of twenty. The televised umpire should be able to sit on his chair and not be an unpaid bill-board man.

More significant still for Mr Roach and his colleagues, budgets will be held down. Promoters will have to earn their promotions (both their products and their own) by ever greater ingenuity. What about a filter-tipped snooker cue, a set of all-gold darts, or even better, a new televised "sport"? Why not dominoes, pin-ball, shove-halfpenny, space invaders, something that no genuine sponsor (in the sometime sense of that much-abused word) would touch with a butt-end but which the common needs of rule-bending tobacco businesses and ratings-crazy television com-

panies might manipulate into a national passion?

Just over a year ago the Health Education Council produced a document entitled "The Big Kill" which reported in chilling, dulling detail on what is the single biggest preventable cause of death in the Western world. The defenders of smoking replied that tobacco industry advertising was a fight to make smokers switch brands not a fight to make new smokers.

Neither the findings nor the response were new. But the report revived a sense of indignation about the way that the young were being wooed into smoking. Studies suggested that 46 per cent of children aged between seven and fifteen had watched the mesmerizing final of the Embassy Snooker competition, that 32 per cent watched the Benson and Hedges final, that 25 per cent watched the final of the John Player league.

It was impossible to make any strict causal link between young people's smoking and viewing habits but it defied belief that part of the promoter's intention was not to attract new customers. Encouraging noises emerged from the Department of Environment, then headed by Mr Kenneth Baker. Legislation to ban tobacco sponsorship could not be ruled out, it was suggested, if the industry did not both tighten its rules and observe their spirit.

The replacement of Mr

Baker by Mr Nicholas Ridley dampened hopes somewhat. A job which every day demanded an intervention or a compromise was not ideal for a libertarian of Mr Ridley's excellent robustness. The tobacco issue was one on which he could happily refresh his principles. The big stick was put back in the ministry cupboard.

Mr Ridley's new voluntary code, negotiated for him by the sports minister Mr Richard Tracey, has now been agreed. It brings some tightening of the rules with, as usual, no guarantee that they will be properly upheld.

It is true that the television companies themselves have begun to show greater responsibility. There are advantages too in the fact that the next voluntary deal on sponsorship with the DoE will have to be renegotiated simultaneously with the general cigarette advertising deal negotiated by the DHSS. A better coordinated attack will be possible.

But beyond the fine print political will is all. It would be useful if Mr Ridley, his confidence reinforced by the recent campaign against left wing councils, were to make it quite clear that the sponsorship of sports events by tobacco companies is only tolerated, only temporary and only to be accepted while real sports continue their real and successful efforts to find alternatives.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Case for merger control by law

From Mr Michael Grylls, MP for Surrey, North West (Conservative). Sir, Your writer, Richard Lander, in his article (January 17) on mega-takeovers, expresses a view, which many will share, that "the number (of takeovers) should be reduced by some deeper and more rational thinking amongst potential bidders." Parliament, too, has a duty to think more deeply on the vital subject of competition policy.

While, of course, shareholders have important rights, no one who wishes to see private enterprise operating in a fair (as opposed to a free) market can fail to conclude that the law must be effective. I, and many others, believe that the current law needs strengthening. The Government seem to agree; hence the setting up, last summer, of the Lister Commission to review policy.

The creation of mega-conglomerates often leads to a reduction in small firm suppliers. By their sheer size mergers can make it more difficult for new companies to gain a market share, and often they can be even more effective than cartels in shutting out new competitors. If the law is amended to include the need to protect smaller firms, then, on this criterion alone, many mergers would be stopped.

Another important factor is the need to refer a takeover if the threatened firm is investing heavily in research to ensure long-term profitability. If such a firm is taken over the new owners may need to cut this R & D (research and development) in order to finance the bid. Such an event cannot be in the public interest.

The time has surely come when we should emulate the strict legal procedures for merger control which have proved so successful

in the Federal Republic of Germany. Leaving the majority of large-scale mergers to the market is a luxury no successful industrialised country has ever afforded.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GRYLLS, Chairman, Conservative Trade and Industry Committee, House of Commons, January 19.

Takeover troubles

From Mr Avril Fox. Sir, Sadly, I fear that your leader today, "Which way the wind?", and most other comments on the "Bikington affair" miss the most important point.

Some 13 years ago I worked for a firm threatened by a major takeover bid. My employers had invested extensively in long-term research and employee training. The threat materialised; the new owners skimmed off the research, closed down the labs, cancelled the day-release schemes, sold off valuable building sites and moved factories into areas receiving government subsidies to incoming industries. At least one defence contract was seriously affected.

The resulting profits were enormous; the shareholders were delighted. But many of us asked each other what was the fate of a country which permitted — even encouraged — such destruction of long-term research and education in the interests of short-term profits.

Surely it was doomed to become second-rate? And so, under both types of government, it has proved.

Yours truly,
AVRIL FOX,
8 Cresford Road, SW6, January 19.

Prayer Book use

From Dr Roger Homan. Sir, Under the provisions of the Education Act 1980 schools and colleges are required to make public the reports upon them by her Majesty's inspectors. No such requirement, however, is made of theological colleges: they are visited by bishops' inspectors whose reports are confidential.

We are then asked to believe the assurances of bishops that all is well in the theological colleges and that the assurances for the continued use of the Prayer Book which one after another of them gave in the Lords on April 11, 1984 have been honoured.

Today's Lords debate on my report, "Theological Colleges and the Book of Common Prayer: A Survey", will take account of the evidence that those were empty promises. The majority of those preparing for ordination attend

Prayer Book services seldom or never.

What is still more disturbing is the effort that was made to resist our independent researches. A number of colleges refused to respond. As the Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, explained at the time of our survey, "We decided not to take up the questionnaire chiefly because we do not like even the remote possibility of being used as statistical information in a political debate."

The protection which theological colleges are afforded and the Church's antipathy to independent scientific research are traits which, were they to be found in political life, might even excite the Bishop of Durham.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER HOMAN,
Crink View,
Barcombe Mills, East Sussex, January 15.

Hampering science

From Professor J. M. Irvine. Sir, There has been considerable concern expressed about the state of civil research in the UK. A recent report by a House of Lords select committee (feature, January 9) notes that "Britain's universities do most of the country's basic research and an increasing amount also of its strategic research." What has not received much comment is the part that government bureaucracy is playing in hampering research effort.

Young research workers are being tempted abroad by salaries which are at least twice those they can earn in the UK. At the same time, the low salaries in the UK mean that we can only attract replacements from those countries even poorer than ourselves. Eastern Europe is a source of highly talented and skilled research workers. There is a long tradition of successful academic research collaboration between British and East European universities.

A typical example of bureaucracy's ability to hamper research goes as follows: the Home Office

announces that visitors from Eastern Europe working in British universities will, under certain conditions, not require work permits — so far so good. The Foreign Office then refuses visas to people without work permits — Catch 22.

Now the Home Office has decided to go it alone. Department of Education and Science research grants to British universities, awarded through the research councils, allow for up to six months' delay in starting a project before the offer of a grant lapses. The Home Office currently appears unwilling, or unable, to approve the award of a work permit to researchers from Eastern Europe within six months of the application being made.

The result is yet another layer of frustration to add to the considerable obstacles to pursuing research in British universities.

Yours faithfully,
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Department of Theoretical Physics,
The Schuster Laboratory,
Manchester, January 9.

Airport charges

From the Chairman of the British Airports Authority plc. Sir, Airline claims that they pay £600 to land a fully laden 747 aircraft at New York compared with £4,000 at Heathrow (report, January 16) grossly misrepresents the relative costs involved. The figure of £600 is the basic charge for using the runway at New York. On that basis the charge at Heathrow is £160.

The rest of the Heathrow charge quoted — which, incidentally, is a peak figure applying only for a few hours a day — is mainly for use of the terminal facilities. This does not apply at New York because many major airlines, including

Pan Am and TWA, provide and operate their own terminals.

An independent study published recently by the respected journal *Aviation* (formerly *Lloyd's Aviation Economist*, which takes into account these and many other differences in the charging system, shows that New York's JFK airport is 50 per cent more expensive overall than Heathrow.

The same survey indicates that charges at Heathrow are below those of its main European competitors.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN J. PAYNE, Chairman, British Airports Authority plc, 130 Wilton Road, SW1, January 16.

Keeping treasures

From Mr Martin Biddle, FBA. Sir, Sir Arthur Drew (December 18) and Lord Perth (December 24) suggest ways to save treasure such as the Middleham pendant for the nation. Sir Arthur would like to see more money for the National Heritage Memorial Fund and Lord Perth properly urges the reform of treasure trove and a review of the rights of operators of metal detectors.

A third approach should also be considered. Owners who put antiquities found in Britain up for sale, and who wish them to be eligible for export and thus to fetch the kind of prices now being realised on the international market, should be required to obtain an export licence before the sale from the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art. This is the body which now has the power to recommend a stay on export of up to six months after the sale has taken place to allow a British institution a chance to find the purchase price.

The principal advantage of such a move would be to curtail the high prices now being fetched. No overseas buyer would pay or bid for an object for which an export licence had been refused, and an object without a licence would automatically be deemed not for export. Under this proposal British purchasers would compete only with each other and the public purse in its various forms would not have to find, as at present, sums which reflect an international competition to which *ex hypothesi* the object in question should never have been subjected.

This approach might well be applied not only to all antiquities found in Britain, but also to various other categories of national treasure, such as paintings and other works of art created in this country or which have played an important role in our history or cultural life.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BIDDLE,
19 Hamilton Road,
Oxford.

Office of prophet in the police

From Mr David Mathieson. Sir, It is many years since men were disbarred from public office because they professed their Catholic faith and it is a sad sign of the times when even your newspaper condemns a Christian witness, given on a religious programme, because it is not "conducted delicately and with a proper regard to whatever may be the current state of public opinion" (leading article, January 20).

There are two commonplace truths which Mr Anderson affirms but which you deny. First, that the maintenance of the general fabric of society, putting down crime and upholding the rule of law, can only be effective if the majority of society habitually support good against evil or, in Christian terms, if they seek salvation and reject sin.

Secondly, that every person in this country who now suffers from Aids does so either because of their own actions or because of the actions of others who contaminated themselves or the public blood banks.

In similar circumstances Moses promulgated the seventh Commandment. Surely we can manage something more constructive than averting our eyes and condemning those who report what they can see.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID MATHIESON,
24 The Parade,
Epsom, Surrey, January 20.

From Dr David Freemantle. Sir, Chief Constable James Anderson (report, January 19) should learn that he cannot be preacher, politician and policeman at the same time.

In a democratic country it is the preacher who advocates moral laws, the politician who interprets public interest to place these laws on the statute book and the policeman who enforces the law to protect the public.

As a law-abiding citizen I have no wish for Mr Anderson or any other policeman to decide on my moral conduct.

Mr Anderson must choose, but whilst he professes publicly to be more than a policeman he is a danger to society.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID FREEMANTLE,
9 Handsworth House,
33 Brighton Road,
Crawley, West Sussex.

From Mr M. J. Asuon. Sir, You have castigated Chief Constable Anderson for speaking unpropitiously about public morality and paying too little "regard to whatever may be the current state of public opinion". This suggests that truth is not always truth, rather than what we know is really the case, that the truth is not always palatable.

Never was it more unpalatable than to the present employers of Mr Anderson, who are now trying to deflect attention from his remarks by suggesting that he requires medical help.

Just as few will believe that he should be certified as believe that he is a divine prophet. Many, many more accept, however, that the moral judgements he is making should be stated more openly and fearlessly as he has done, and that his words, unless they are hearkened to, will indeed prove to be prophetic.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ASHTON,
25 School Road,
Hall Green,
Birmingham, West Midlands, January 20.

Child-abuse cases

From Mr J. R. Spencer. Sir, An important point which has so far been overlooked in the debate about the use of videotapes in child-abuse cases is the fact that criminal justice now moves much more slowly than it used to.

In the 1950s the average time between criminal proceedings and the trial in London was a little over four weeks. In 1985 the delay was over five months. Delays often seem to be as great elsewhere. Jan Knos, the much-publicised Hull vicar who was accused of multiple sex offences against children, first appeared before Hull magistrates in April; he died in custody in October, untried, and there was no suggestion at the time of his death that his case was about to come to trial.

Everyone deplores these delays but no one expects things to improve very much. The ever-rising rate of crime seems to ensure that the best efforts of the Lord Chancellor in providing extra judges and courtrooms only stop the delays getting even worse.

When the period before trial was short it was perhaps plausible to argue that a child would provide the most accurate account of an incident when called as a live witness. But this is an incredible position to adopt when the live evidence must be given not several weeks but many months afterwards.

For justice to be done — to the innocent as well as to the guilty — it is essential that the court should have before it the most accurate account possible of what the child said about the incident at the earliest moment, before time wiped certain details out of its mind and questioning by adults implanted others. This account is likely to be an interview preserved on videotape.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. SPENCER,
Selwyn College, Cambridge, January 6.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 22 1900

John Ruskin (1819-1900) died on January 19 and was buried in Coniston churchyard. Although well off through his earnings and a legacy of £170,000, he died worth comparatively little because of the large sums he had given to charities and to other worthy causes.

['THREE CHEERS FOR RUSKIN']

... One of the most prolific brains of this century, most penetrative in analysis, most ingenious in analogy, most delicately acute of perception, and most finely strung to all the harmonies of art and nature, has been finally stayed in its working, over-taxed and outworn. Few lives have been more literally spent in the service of duty than the life that has now ended... It might have been happier for him had his nature allowed him to limit his labour to what for most men is the domain of art. Even in that region, one at once so ardent, so sensitive, and so self-assertive, most have endured more fret and aroused more antagonism than it is given to the commonplace critic to feel or kindle. But when the field of art widened under his ken till it came to be conterminous with the continent of social economy, his existence grew to be a battle, and a battle that could have but one issue. For the third quarter of his life, in particular, he was like a fierce and feverish swimmer breasting the full force of the tide, the tendency of his time. Like all such swimmers, he went down in the hopeless struggle. We may frame differing judgments on the goals he made for, on the course he shaped, or on the wisdom and utility of such striving; but all who can judge generously must own the heroism of the effort and the nobleness of the nature which, after long years of lesser sacrifices, gave away health and life itself for what he believed to be the truth.

A great part of the secret of Ruskin's influence is to be found in his extraordinary personal fascination. Never was any man so sympathetic, so winning, so uniformly and invariably courteous; never was talker so unflinching and miraculously eloquent. It was the same at all times, and to all men. There is an authentic story told of his undergraduate days, that illustrates his instinctive courtesy and his effort. He was as we have said, a retiring youth, shy, and more given to talking over Turner with Mr Wyatt, the printseller, than to such subjects as would interest his brother "Gentlemen Commoners" of Christ Church. So one night a dozen of these lively persons and their friends determined to "draw" the genius. It was a habit of his to go to bed early, mindful of the precepts and the practice of Denmark Hill, so at 11 the invaders broke down his "lock" and rushed into his room. He was there to receive them, in his dressing gown, "Gentlemen," he said, with a sweet smile and with his exquisite voice, "I am sorry I cannot now entertain you as I should wish; but my father, who is engaged in the sherry trade, has put it into my power to invite you all to wine tomorrow evening. Will you come?" The rioters were overcome, and withdrew with "three cheers for Ruskin". So throughout his life he possessed this power of disarming all opponents with whom he was brought into personal contact; only, if it were a question not of speech, but of the pen, his urbanity seemed to leave him and his eloquence was speedily steeped in gall. But, over sensitive and enthusiastic natures, especially over ladies and very young men, his influence, when he chose to exert it, was extraordinary.

He spent himself, his fortune, and finally his mental health in what seemed at the time a vain struggle, as many a saint and prophet has spent himself before. Nevertheless in his retirement his countrymen were not forgetful that a great man was still amongst them. On his 80th birthday last year a most distinguished body of signatories, headed by the Prince of Wales, united to present him with an address to show their "deepest respect and sincerest admiration". With all his faults of prolixity, paradox, and want of self-control he stands supreme as a writer of the highest order of prose, with Swift, with Burke, with Goldsmith, with Newman.

Electricity hazard

From Mr James Kellaway. Sir, Mr Fawson (January 14) highlights a long-standing grievance but he has little hope of finding a purchaser for his spare 13-amp fuses. British homes must contain untold millions of them.

However, plugs fitted with 3-amp fuses are now creeping into the shops, notably BHS, and I have found that my local electricity board shop will, when I buy a plug from them and when I ask nicely, substitute a 3-amp fuse.

Yours etc,
J. KELLAWAY,
79 Saffrons Court,
Compton Place Road,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Over the moon?

From Mr Peter Orr. Sir, Your worthy Cricket Correspondent, describing the elation resulting from Australia's victory in the fifth Test at Sydney, writes (January 16, later editions): "... the chances of Australia winning seemed remote; but they did and the whole country, glued to the box, leapt in the air."

For the sake of all concerned, it is to be hoped that no serious injuries resulted from such an extraordinary manoeuvre.

Yours faithfully,
PETER ORR,
46 Woodburn Manor Park,
Woodburn Green,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, January 6.

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THE POUND

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W German mark
2.8050 (+0.0154)
Trade-weighted
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chief
at Morgan

Morgan Grenfell, the beleaguered merchant bank, moved swiftly yesterday to appoint a new head of corporate finance, Mr Richard Webb, formerly a director of corporate finance, after the resignation of Mr Graham Walsh on Tuesday.

Mr Anthony Richmond-Watson was appointed deputy head of the corporate finance department.

Morgan said it was not possible to act as quickly in appointing a new chief executive after the resignation of Mr Christopher Reeves because the bank's internal management review was still in progress. A spokesman said that at this stage there was no shortlist for the job.

The review committee, headed by Lord Catto, Morgan's chairman, is unlikely to complete its work within the next few days, but the Bank of England has said it will accept an interim report on its findings by the end of the month.

Anglia soars

Anglia Television yesterday announced full year results showing a 157 per cent increase on the 12 months to the end of October 1986. Pretax profits of £8.5 million were earned on turnover of £75.2 million. Earnings per share rose from 14.2p to 37.2p. A final dividend of 7.5p was proposed. A one for five rights issue raising £8.5 million net of expenses was also announced. *Times*, page 21

Microgen up

Microgen, the computer output microfilm bureau group, saw pretax profits up 42 per cent to £7.2 million for the year to October 31, 1986. Turnover was up 14 per cent to £26.4 million and the dividend was increased by 78 per cent to 8p net. *Times*, page 21

Profits rise

First Leisure, the entertainment group run by Lord Delfont, raised pretax profits from £10.1 million to £12.7 million last year. Shareholders collect total dividends of 7.5p a share. *Times*, page 21

Listed again

Merchants' Warehousing has had its stock market quotation restored after the failure of discussions with two unquoted companies.

Possible listing

The Scandinavian Bank Group is considering seeking a listing on the London Stock Exchange.

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3-month eligible bills	10 1/4%
buying rate	
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Federal Funds	5 1/4%
3-month Treasury	5 1/4%
30-year bonds	10 1/4%

CURRENCIES

London	New York
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Japan and US seek new formula

Crisis talks on dollar's slide

By Bailey Morris and David Smith

Market speculation about imminent cuts in Japanese and German interest rates intensified yesterday, as high level currency talks took place in Washington.

They were between Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese finance minister, and Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, and focused on a trade-off between Japan and America on a Japanese discount rate cut in exchange for US help in stabilizing the dollar.

The Bundesbank Council, meeting in Frankfurt today, is under intense pressure to announce a cut in interest rates. Yesterday, the Bundesbank did nothing to quell interest rate fever by saying that no decision had been taken to whether meet the Press afterwards.

Such a decision is normally announced 24 hours in advance and has been regarded in the markets as a signal of whether policy changes are likely. Today's council meeting will be chaired by Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, president of the Bundesbank and will be attended by Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the finance minister.

The dollar rose a penny to DM1.8460 yesterday on expectations of a half-point German discount rate cut, which would normally be ruled out of court, given West Germany's general election on Sunday. The dollar climbed also to ¥153.80 from ¥152.55.

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, urged Congress yesterday to provide badly needed liquidity to US financial institutions as part of a broader effort to ensure the integrity of the banking system.

Mr Volcker testified before the Senate banking committee even as James Baker was talking to Mr Miyazawa about the rapidly falling dollar.

Mr Miyazawa had asked for the meeting in an effort to win cooperation from the Administration to put the brakes on the dollar's slide.

Nervous market officials had hoped that Mr Volcker would use his appearance on Capitol Hill to dispel reports of an apparent rift between Mr Baker and the Central Bank chairman over US dollar policy.

Over the last few days, as the dollar has plummeted

against the West German mark, the yen and other currencies, Mr Volcker has expressed concern that the decline would be impossible to stop, perhaps resulting in a new round of international inflation which would plunge the world into another recession.

The White House yesterday attempted once again to deny reports that it wanted a further drop in the dollar by saying that the Administration's policy has not changed since Mr Baker signed the Plaza Agreement in 1985. "We are not attempting to talk down the dollar," said Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman.

Earlier, before the Baker-Miyazawa meeting, Administration officials indicated that they might be willing to work in concert with US allies to arrest the dollar's decline if it continues much longer.

Mr Miyazawa was said to be carrying a letter from Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, to President Reagan urging renewed coordination of policies between the two governments to prevent a further rise in the yen.

Sid bears a summer loss from British Gas

British Gas made a modest loss in its current first-half to September 28 last year, according to its first financial statement as a private company.

But the profit forecasts made in the prospectus at the time of flotation are likely to be comfortably met.

British Gas shares, launched at 50p in partly-paid form, edged forward 1p to close at 69 1/2p.

At £68 million, the half-year loss was a slight improvement on the £100 million deficit last time. Both figures are calculated on a current cost basis, rather than the much more widely used historic cost basis. Investors looking for historic cost figures will be sorely disappointed. Sir Denis Rooke, the chairman, sees fit to include just two. They show that on a conventional accounting basis, the half-year loss was £15 million compared with a £2 million profit last time.

Sid and the millions of other first-time shareholders may feel that these are modest figures for a company with a stock market value of £6.4 billion. But British Gas makes almost the whole of its operating profits in the winter half of the year.

Sir Denis confirmed yesterday that there was nothing in the first-half losses to change the prospectus profit forecasts of £836 million on a current cost basis and £1,071 million on historic cost.

The chairman seems to suggest that weather permitting, the outcome may be better. In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the outcome should "at least" reach the profit forecast, he says. Given the severe weather of the past two weeks, analysts are hoping that the forecasts will be beaten comfortably.

CBI welcomes bid withdrawal

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

There were "audible sighs of relief" throughout manufacturing industry over BTR's decision to call off its bid for Pilkington, Mr David Nickson, the CBI president, said yesterday.

Mr Nickson, speaking after a meeting of the CBI Council, said it was hoped that the high watermark of takeover activity had now been passed.

At yesterday's council meeting, two final names were added to the CBI's City Industry Task Force: Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank, and Mr Graham Ross, Russell, deputy chairman of the Stock Exchange.

The council also resolved to maintain its campaign on the Consumer Protection Bill and urged companies to speak out

in support of the "development risks defence" enshrined in the Bill, but under threat from opposition MPs.

This defence exempts firms from damages in respect of product liability if they were acting on the basis of known scientific knowledge when the product was developed.

"The time has come for members in high-risk sectors to follow the example of the aerospace and pharmaceutical industries and go public on why the development risks defence is vital for their companies," Mr Nickson said.

An opposition amendment to remove the defence from the Bill was defeated in the House of Lords on Tuesday, but the Bill still has to be passed back to the Commons.

Pay settlements move 'below 5%'

By Our Economics Correspondent

Pay settlements in manufacturing industry have moved decisively below 5 per cent, Sir Terence Beckett, the director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said yesterday.

But he cautioned against too optimistic a view of Britain's position relative to Japan and West Germany. Government figures have suggested that British unit labour costs in manufacturing are rising at a slower rate than in these countries.

As a result of sterling's fall against most currencies, industry's competitive position at the end of last year was 17

per cent better than 12 months earlier.

In spite of this sharp competitive improvement, an immediate response from industry should not be expected, Sir Terence said. Time was needed for companies to assess product ranges and launch new marketing efforts.

It could take two years before the full effects of the lower exchange rate worked through to industry's performance, he added.

In addition, industry was sceptical about the improved position being maintained after the volatility of the past five years.

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Lord Pennock: 'Election campaign could change timetable'

Eurotunnel expects heavier traffic

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Eurotunnel is upgrading its revenue and dividend projections in line with research findings that the volume of cross-Channel traffic is expected to rise significantly once the fixed link is built. The research was commissioned from traffic consultants.

The upgrading means that subscribers to July's £750 million international share sale are likely to be offered better projected rates of return than those indicated at the time of the private share placing last year.

Mr Michael Julien, deputy chief executive, said yesterday: "We expect to be able to demonstrate improved economics. The most important factor is that we never took into account any increase in the market from having a fixed link."

At a press conference to celebrate the first anniversary of the go-ahead for the fixed link, Mr Julien said that the consortium had identified many areas in which it could increase revenues.

As well as forecasting a bigger market, Eurotunnel has reviewed the potential for ancillary business.

Mr Colin Stannard, managing director (commercial), said that active talks were under way with the electricity boards and telecommunications companies about possible uses for the tunnel. "They are all features which will give us additional income."

Any increase in expected revenues would mean an improvement in dividend projections.

In the run-up to the share offer, which aims to raise about £300 million in Britain, greater emphasis will be put into explaining the potential capital gains over the first ten years of the project.

It is also clear that an early election could upset the timetable for the share sale.

Lord Pennock, joint chairman, said: "We would not actively campaign for cash at the same time as an election campaign. If there was a clash, we would alter our July date."

Eurotunnel might then turn to shareholders to take the group through any delay period. Meanwhile, a thorough review of spending is under way.

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Maxwell sells 30% AE stake

Mr Robert Maxwell yesterday sold his 30 per cent share stake in AE - despite assurances made during the bid battle for the company with Turner & Newall that he was a long-term holder.

The 28 million shares, worth £84 million, were sold to Smith New Court, the broker, which immediately accepted T&N shares under the terms of the takeover offer.

These were then placed with about 30 City institutions. Last night, the City Takeover Panel said it would look into the disposal.

New obstacle in Murdoch race for H&WT

Fairfax bid surprise

By Richard Lander

Mr Rupert Murdoch's quest to buy the Herald and Weekly Times, Australia's largest media group, has met a fresh obstacle in the form of an Aus\$2.5 billion (£1.08 billion) bid for the television, radio and newspaper empire from John Fairfax, which owns *The Spectator* in Britain, the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age* of Melbourne.

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broadcasting, brewing and mining.

News Corp last week appeared to have clinched victory for H&WT when another Perth entrepreneur, Mr Robert Holmes à Court, announced he was pulling out of the battle after six weeks of bid and counter-bid.

Mr Holmes à Court dropped his Aus\$2.1 billion offer in a deal whereby Mr Murdoch would sell him one H&WT-owned TV station and three newspapers for Aus\$460 million.

Now Mr Murdoch's plans may be upset by the bid from Fairfax, which tops his Aus\$15-a-share offer by Aus\$1. He must also await judgment by the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal on whether, as a US citizen, he can own more than 15 per cent of H&WT because of its broadcasting interests.

In making the offer, Fairfax started legal action in the Supreme Court of Victoria to prevent H&WT registering any shares bought by News Corp.

Fairfax, which also owns TV stations in Sydney and

Brisbane and the *Australian Financial Review*, highlighted the nationality issue by saying its offer "would mean that rare and valuable media assets would remain in the hands of Australians and Australian-domiciled companies."

Analysts said the Fairfax intervention appears to be an attempt to salvage some bounty from the H&WT treasure trove before it disappears into its rivals' hands for ever.

Fairfax made an earlier entrée in the media battle by bidding Aus\$1.1 billion for Queensland Press, which has large cross-holdings with H&WT but this lapsed when Mr Holmes à Court withdrew his offer and has been topped by another bid from Mr Murdoch.

Like News Corporation, Fairfax also plans to make substantial disposals of H&WT assets to comply with new media ownership laws. Both companies intend to sell off H&WT's broadcasting interests as well as its three Perth newspapers, while Fairfax said yesterday it would also dispose of *The Herald* and *Sun* papers in Melbourne.

Guinness: MP gives evidence to DTI inquiry

By Colin Narborough

Mr Bill Walker, Conservative MP for Tayside North, where whisky-making is a major industry, has been supplying Department of Trade and Industry inspectors into the Guinness affair with evidence about the activities of the brewing group and of its financial advisers during its £340 million takeover of Arthur Bell in 1985.

Mr Walker told *The Times* that this evidence concerned the merchant banker, Morgan Grenfell, adviser to Guinness in the £2.5 billion Guinness takeover of Distillers. Mr Walker said that he had provided the inspectors with names and given information about share price movements and detailed approaches to him by representatives of American arbitrageurs interested in the takeover struggle.

His testimonies also covered the role of the former Bell board member, Mr Peter Tyrie, and how the sacked Guinness executive chairman, Mr Ernest Saunders, influenced Mr Tyrie to break ranks with Bell's firm rejection of the bid.

Mr Walker said: "Bell is all part of the Guinness inquiry. The inspectors are investigating that too." Mr Walker sees the Bell takeover as a prototype which, proving successful, led Guinness on to its mega-bid for Distillers.

The widening Guinness inquiry, arising from its battle for Distillers, on Monday claimed two more casualties, Mr Christopher Reeves, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell,

and Mr Graham Walsh, head of the bank's corporate finance section.

The revelations have put mounting pressure on the Government to police the City properly in connection with mega-bids.

Mr Walker charged the City Takeover Panel, and Sir Alex Fletcher, former Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, with failing to identify what was going wrong at the time of the Bell takeover, despite adequate warnings given in the Commons.

He claimed that allowing Morgan Grenfell to act as advisers to Guinness immediately after it had acted in the same role for Bell for the previous 10 years was typical of this neglect.

In response to requests from Bell employees, fearful that the troubles facing Guinness will jeopardize their future, Mr Walker said he was seeking to have Bell restored to the control of its original directors, under the leadership of the former chairman, Mr Raymond Miquel.

This would cost about half of the £340 million Guinness paid for the company, and there were Scottish institutions ready to put up the funds.

Bell worker-shareholders would in return drop any demands they had for compensation for the possible damage they had suffered because of Guinness.

Mr Walker yesterday applied to have the Bell issue raised next week in the Commons.

Profits soar 36% at Davy

By Ray Heath

Davy Corporation moved further along the road to recovery in the first six months of its financial year. Profits to end-September were £6,013,000, against £4,452,000, a 36 per cent increase, from turnover which rose 7 per cent to £304 million.

The half-time profits landed somewhere near the lower end of analysts' forecasts but a fall of 15p to 155p in the shares reflected profit-taking rather than widespread disappointment with the figures.

Conditions in the heavy engineering market mean that the going is still uphill and margins remain slim but Lord Jellicoe, the chairman, is confident that further progress can be made.

TI sells Raleigh bicycles

By Graham Searjeant

TI Group, the former Tube Investments, has sold the Raleigh bicycle business for just £18 million, representing a book loss of £45 million.

The consistently loss-making bicycle division has been sold to Derby International Corporation, a company formed for the purpose chiefly by American executives.

They will pay only £3.5 million cash for the cycle and toy division, which had a turnover of £138 million in 1985. Of this, £2.7 million is deferred and will be paid in instalments running up to 1992.

Of the total £18 million consideration, £14.5 million is accounted for by taking over the division's existing borrowings.

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Stocks	1130p (+85p)
Burdens	128p (+5p)
LWT Holdings	540p (+12p)
Glen	1140p (+17p)
New Bells	144p (+9p)
Southern Business	200p (+8p)
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Harvest	574p (-13p)
BP	670p (-18p)
Harrison Trust	193p (-10p)
McCarty & Stone	352p (-20p)
Davy Corp.	155p (-15p)
Vaux	483p (-12p)
Anglia TV	374p (-17p)
Tate & Lyle	611p (-17p)
Harris Greenway	183p (-22p)
Burton	258p (-25p)
Tip Top Stores	148p (-13p)
IC Gas	591p (-17p)
Pearson	577p (-14p)
Hal Samuel	494p (-12p)
Prices are as at 4pm	

GOLD	
London Fixing	AM \$406.50 pm \$407.20
June \$406.75-407.25 (\$267.50-268.00)	
New York	Comex \$406.60-407.10

NORTH SEA OIL	
Brent (Mar.)	pm \$18.25pb (\$18.30)
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STOCK MARKET

Burton Group tumbles 30p over fears of DTI inquiry

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Shares of the leading stores group led the rest of the equity market lower yesterday amid fears that a new Department of Trade inquiry was about to engulf the City.

This time the focus was on Sir Ralph Halpern's Burton Group, the victor of a bitterly fought £566 million battle for the control of Debenhams in 1985. Burton's financial advisers during that bid were the winning team of Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, and Cazenove, the broker, now embroiled in the DTI inquiry into Guinness.

Sir Ralph seized victory by a whisker in a move that attracted much criticism and cries of foul play from Debenhams and its financial advisers. When the original deadline for the bid expired it was learned that Burton had fallen short of the 50 per cent acceptance required and so the deadline was extended. But a few hours later it became known that Burton had scraped home by a whisker with the help of crucial shares held by Mr Gerald Rouson's Heron Corporation and Sir Philip Harris's Harris Queensway.

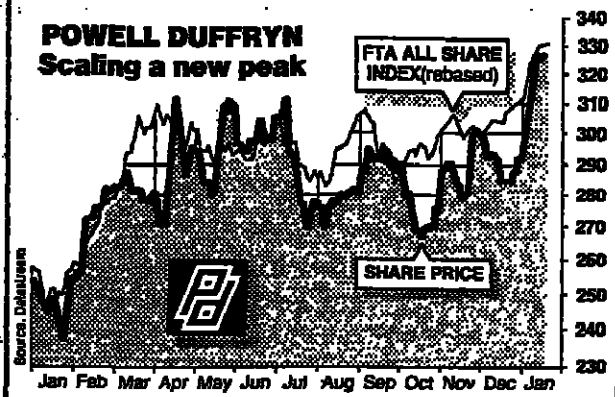
Burton was quick to dismiss the rumours that the DTI had launched an investigation into events during the last hours of the bid. But this failed to

reassure the market. Burton shares took a battering, falling 30p to 254p and wiping more than £160 million from the group's market value of £1.5 billion. Some dealers remain convinced that this is not the end of the matter.

Harris Queensway, which backed Burton, tumbled 18p to 186p, after 182p. Worries that last year's abortive £1.9 billion bid by Dixons for Woolworth might also be the subject of closer scrutiny soon were being hinted at. The speculation turned out to be bad news for Dixons share price which finished the day 12p lower at 314p. Woolworth, the target of the bid, was also a dull market losing 17p at 698p.

● Fund managers will today receive a research document on Aurora, the Sheffield engineer, recommending the shares as a "buy". Paul Gordon, the company's broker, traces its Aurora's turnaround "from the brink of collapse." Shares slipped 0.5p to 74.5p yesterday.

Other retailers to come under the hammer in line with the shakeout in the rest of the equity market included Aquascutum 15p to 210p, Rham 6p to 200p, Great



Universal Stores 'A' 25p to £13.00. Marks and Spencer 4p to 194p. Ratsers 10p to 258p and Sears 3.5p to 135p. Even W H Smith, the subject of recent takeover speculation, came under fire losing 4p to 306p.

News of a £200 million American-style computerized "buying and selling" programme by one of the big institutions late on Tuesday set the tone for trading yesterday. Prices were marked sharply lower as investors decided to realize some of the big profits they have accumulated over the past few weeks.

Market-makers now appear to have topped up their books and are now content to see prices drift for the time being. Selling pressure was described

as light and there were attempts at a late rally helped by a firm start to trading on Wall Street.

The FT 30 share index managed to close above its

● Borland International, the USM-quoted software group, remained in free-fall, closing 15p down at a new low of 99p - for a two-day loss of 40p. This follows a downgrading of profits by BZW, the broker, of \$4 million to \$8.9 million after Borland itself confirmed it had reduced its own target.

worst levels of the day with a deficit of 12.3 at 1,386.7. The broader based FT-SE share 100 finished 17.3 lower at 1,761.6.

A steadier performance by

the pound enabled gilts to sport gains of over 1/2 at the longer end of the market.

Both the merchant and clearing bank sectors fell sharply as City investors resigned themselves to the fact that lucrative contested takeover activity will now cease, at least temporarily. It will hit the merchant banks on the bottom line and analysts are already downgrading their profit forecasts. Greenwell Montagu, the broker, has reduced its 1987 profit forecast for Morgan Grenfell from £110 million to £95 million.

Morgan Grenfell shares responded by slipping 4p to 408p, despite talk that Lloyd's, the clearing bank, might be interested in bidding for it. Most market men were sceptical about such an event actually taking place but if it were to happen it would probably be at above the 500p level at which Morgan Grenfell was floated.

Kleinwort Benson dipped 17p to 601p, Hill Samuel 10p to 496p, Hambros 14p to 236p and Schroders 8p to 785p. Brown Shipley was the only one to gain ground, putting on 5p to 593p.

Among the clearers Lloyd's fell the hardest losing 17p to 487p. NatWest dipped 11p to 576p, Barclays 8p to 534p and Midland 7p to 597p.

Powell Duffryn, the shipping to distribution group, firmed a penny to 327p, taking the shares to a new peak. Reports of an exceptionally good trading period, with the cold weather helping its fuel distribution business, have been filtering through to the City. The company is also thought to be reaping the benefits of recent management changes.

Its half-time figures, reported two months ago, showed profits of £10 million and were viewed as extremely encouraging. The market is now looking for profits of £28.5 million for the full year to March against £22.1 million last time. In 1988 it expects the company to make profits of at least £32.5 million, giving earnings per share of 31p and putting it on a p/e of just 10.

A building sector conference at the Whitbread Brewery in the City yesterday was hosted by Wood Mackenzie, the broker. Mr Cliff Chetwood, chairman of Wimpey, and Mr George Russell, chief executive of Marley, were the guest speakers. Marley shares responded by easing 3p to 133p while Wimpey shares were unchanged.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Virtuoso performance in the new gilt market

The Bank of England may have its problems in trying to keep the City clean and well-regulated but in managing the new gilt-edged market it is exhibiting all its old skills with admirable success. Yesterday the Government Broker was cheerfully selling Treasury 10 per cent 1994 (the latest tap stock) at £41 per cent (it is at present £40 paid). The closing price was about £41 1/8. The mood of optimism was also reflected in the yield on Treasury 11% 2003-07 which went through the 10 per cent barrier to 9.96 per cent.

Gilts are and inevitably will remain influenced by domestic factors. Almost without exception these are at present positive. The Chancellor's Budget arithmetic is beginning to shine like a good deed in a naughty world; the latest public opinion poll puts the Tories satisfyingly ahead; and the Bank has left itself free to juggle the latest money supply figures according to market taste on January 29 when the full set appears, conveniently after the West German elections on Sunday.

But the Bank is also entirely aware that the new gilts market is an international market sensitive to every item of news and opinion on currency values and interest rates in all the big financial centres. Two things have propelled the market into this new state since Big Bang: the instant availability of this mass of global news and opinion on screens, and the much greater interest and participation of foreign houses and their clients. The Bank of England

seems to have exploited this new situation to excellent effect. After three decades of City parochialism, the Bank and the gilt-edged market are proving the practical wisdom of re-establishing London as an international securities trading centre.

The concerns now dominating the market are two: the efforts of the Japanese and the Americans to arrive at an agreement whereby, to put it crudely, the Americans actively try to prevent the dollar from sliding further and the Japanese cut their already very low interest rates; and whether the West Germans will today cut their discount rate from 3 1/2 per cent to 3 per cent. James Baker and Kiichi Miyazawa, closeted in Washington, may agree but at home in Tokyo, Tadashi Kuranari, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who yesterday lectured Mr Baker for shooting his mouth off in unhelpful ways, seems to doubt whether the Americans could deliver their side of any bargain. For their part, the Germans are divided between hawks (eagles?) and doves and the outcome of the argument is uncertain.

The beauty of the great American-Japanese-German triangle is that the Bank of England can play its own little string orchestra in a quiet corner. If the big players and their massive audiences want to tune into London, the Bank is happy to have them. We give nice yields on our gilts and the gentle strumming which hitherto only another small country, to wit Switzerland, has offered.

Tunnellers one year wiser

Older and wiser, one year after Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand gave the go-ahead for the fixed link, the tunnellers' efforts are geared towards the £750 million public share offering scheduled for July.

In the aftermath of the near-disastrous private placing last year, the City was criticized for shunning an investment which demanded a long-term view. This time more will be done to explain the nature of the returns investors can expect, in particular over the early years.

Forecasts issued in last year's prospectus anticipated a 16.6 per cent notional gross dividend return over a 55-year period for subscribers to the July offering. The consortium's bullish noises yesterday about higher revenues and traffic projections imply this figure is likely to go up by the summer.

Over the next few months we are all likely to hear very much more about the possible capital gain over the early years of the project. Projecting future cash flows is an imprecise science but discounting back the last year's dividend forecasts would put a value on the group in May 1995 (when the first

dividend is due) of between £4.1 billion and £9.5 billion (discounting at 10 and 15 per cent respectively) compared with the £1 billion of original equity. The consortium feels it is this message that failed to get across last time.

In order to throw the net as wide as possible, Eurotunnel is also considering offering a number of different types of equity investment. No decisions have been taken but some sort of convertible loan stock could meet the institutional need for a yield investment in the early years. At the other end of the scale, where capital gain is the priority, the financial advisers are talking about layering the pure equity offer by varying the risk/reward profile to target specific markets.

Whether anyone will be able to choose between all the investment options is still unclear; the consortium is aware that a line must be drawn between trying to be all things to all investors and complicating the issue with too many options.

In the meantime, speculation continues over whether Sir Nigel Brookes is to replace Lord Pennock as British joint chairman.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Old	Offer	Chgs	Gross	Div	Yld	%	P/E	1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Old	Offer	Chgs	Gross	Div	Yld	%	P/E	1986
356	299	299	Allied-Lyons	338	348		-10	14.5	4.3	15.8	1,400			406	318	318	Ladbrokes	387	392		-5	18.8	4.3	18.8	594	
159	145	145	ASDA-MPI	145	149		-4	4.7	3.2	18.1	807			359	302	302	Land Securities	343	346		-3	14.5	4.2	23.1	2,500	
487	414	414	BET	481	495		-14	24.3	5.0	17.5	572			286	218	218	Lagis & Gm	281	286		-5	12.3	4.7	33.6	2,200	
300	264	264	BITR	280	285		-5	9.8	3.5	19.7	1,100			654	582	582	Lloyds	483	480		-3	25.0	5.1	7.8	1,900	
514	444	444	BAT	483	488		-5	18.4	3.8	19.7	1,800			301	138	138	Lonrho	255	257		-2	17.1	6.7	12.8	585	
502	485	485	Barclays	530	537		-7	28.1	5.3	7.7	832			235	189	189	Marks & Spencer	182	185		-3	14.8	3.0	23.2	4,200	
735	703	703	Beecham	723	733		-10	24.5	3.2	19.1	819			629	537	537	Midland	585	592		-7	37.1	6.2	12.1	785	
432	411	411	Beecham	455	460		-5	17.1	3.7	19.0	2,500			925	447	447	Net West	572	579		-7	27.5	4.8	6.0	1,200	
727	621	621	Blue Circle	680	685		-5	30.0	4.4	9.7	71			576	481	481	P & O Dtd	545	550		-5	28.4	4.8	15.7	788	
404	326	326	BOC	385	388		-3	15.4	4.0	12.7	818			918	445	445	Pearson	575	580		-5	15.4	2.7	19.3	3,100	
255	219	219	Bovis	244	247		-3	10.5	4.3	12.0	4,100			714	358	358	Pitt Morgan Bros	601	610		-9	31.0	4.7	9.3	6,900	
585	488	488	Br Aerospace	578	583		-5	23.4	4.0	12.2	3,100			246	192	192	Plessey	200	204		+3	7.2	3.6	14.9	4,500	
73	61	61	Br Gas	69	71		-2	9.3	13.3		44,000			989	749	749	Prudential	825	832		-7	38.6	4.7	54.7	640	
814	688	688	Br Petroleum	788	778		-10	48.5	6.3	8.4	4,200			234	146	146	Racal Elect	188	192		-4	4.3	2.3	20.1	3,800	
225	188	188	Br Telecom	214	218		-4	11.2	5.2	12.6	9,800			539	457	457	Rack Org	535	542		-7	8.9	4.0	12.7	1,100	
207	135	135	BST	187	189		-2	9.3	4.9	6.0	4,500			629	734	734	Radcliff & Coleman	898	905		-7	23.9	2.8	19.5	76	
294	254	254	Burton	252	255		-3	8.1	3.2	15.5	15,000			915	378	378	Rangers	562	567		-5	5.4	0.9	45.0	532	
372	277	277	Cable & Wireless	345	352		-7	7.2	2.1	19.1	6,400			791	532	532	RTZ	750	757		-7	31.4	4.2	10.0	1,200	
210	172	172	Cadbury Schweppes	208	208		-2	6.7	4.2	23.9	8,800			540	385	385	Rover	540	545		-5	18.0	4.0	12.5	570	
584	444	444	Casella Vinella	508	512		-4	17.5	4.5	15.2	3,700			957	792	792	Royal Ind	885	872		-13	38.6	4.4	71.2	840	
295	257	257	Com Union	284	287		-3	17.4	6.1		1,500			440	344	344	Sainsbury (J)	432	436		-4	8.4	1.9	25.2	458	
742	583	583	Cornwallis	738	745		+7	35.0	4.7	21.2	747			148	39	39	Seas	124	125		-1	5.0	4.0	18.1	4,000	
382	286	286	Courtauld	340	343		-3	18.2	3.0	11.5	978			289	300	300	Swedgwick Gp	385	387		-2	17.1	5.0	18.7	1,404	
301	251	251	Dea Corp	287	289		-2	12.5	4.5	18.4	1,900			104	733	733	Shal	104	104		-2	51.4	4.9	10.4	1,800	
350	176	176	Dixons Grp	312	319		-7	5.2	1.7	22.3	4,800			282	112	112	Smith & Nephew	139	135		-4	3.5	2.6	22.9	1,900	
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564	769	769	Glen Accident	845	852		-7	34.3	4.0	21.3	555			894	547	547	Stan Craft	758	775		-17	46.4	6.0	8.5	538	
225	180	180	GEO	215	218		-3	6.5	3.2	12.1	3,500			262	258	258	Stewart	262	275		-13	11.4	1.7	14.4	2,700	
11	857	857	Glen	115	117		-2	20.0	1.7	23.9	2,000			772	10	10	Sun Alliance	690	697		-7	27.5	4.0	62.5	434	
481	385	385	Grand Mat	454	459		-5	14.5	3.2	13.2	4,400			102	72	72	TBS P/P	777	782		-5	6.1	7.8		5,600	
11	894	894	GLS 'A'	11	11		-	31.4	2.8	15.4	189			144	340	340	Tesco	425	440		-15	8.9	4.0	18.1	1,500	
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355	282	282	Guinness	285	270		+15	11.5	4.3	10.2	3,100			188	139	139	Trusthouse Forte	188	191		-3	8.8	4.5	15.5	1,800	
215	158	158	Harcourt	185	187		-2	8.1	3.1	12.4	17,000			224	15	15	Unilever	224	227		-3	20.1	2.7	10.4	582	
625	408	408	Hawthorn	485	495		-10	46.1	4.3	10.8	550			268	218	218	Unilever	268	271		-3	13.6	5.4	13.7	3,500	
12	882	882	Imp Skidney Ind	117	117		-	48.6	4.1	13.4	1,600			279	174	174	Wellcome	274	277		+3	3.0	1.1	33.9	5,000	
595	380	380	Jaguar	558	563		-5	12.7	2.3	11.6	2,800			925	585	585	Woolworth	693	703		-10	22.9	3.3	18.0	905	

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January 22, 1987

A chief executive has a job specification which is fundamentally different from that of any of his subordinates, and this simple fact can never be forgotten when selecting one. Line managers and even directors have clearly defined responsibilities. In all cases they have someone to report to, part of whose task is to define the jobs of his or her subordinates and clarify inevitable areas of uncertainty over what they should be doing and how.

As the only person who stands over board-level directors, a chief executive has an obvious requirement to perform the function of job definition for them. But he has much more to do than that. More or less single-handedly, he must decide on his company's overall business strategy, its management style and the broad outlines of its financial strategy.

As well as being chief strategist, a chief executive, like a general, is judged by his powers as chief communicator. He must act as his company's focus of loyalty — Sir John Harvey-Jones at ICI and Sir Eric Sharp at Cable and Wireless are examples of chief executives who have succeeded brilliantly in this role — and as bearer of the image the company presents, both to its own employees and to the

outside world. This will have to include the company's shareholders, the Government where necessary, the financial community, the financial Press, and the public, who are all potential shareholders.

Like it or not, the chief executive will be held responsible for every strategic move a company makes, and may pay for the wrong one, as did the leaders of two electronic giants, Sir Kenneth Corfield, of STC, and Peter Laister, of Thorn EMI, last year.

Such an extreme apart, the chief executive is his own sole judge, and the only person who can decide if his management style is right or wrong, or his strategic bearings correctly aligned.

This essentially self-defining nature of a chief executive's job is what makes it quite unlike any other within a company. It requires such different resources that success in the subordinate capacity can be no guarantee of good performance in the number one slot.

That is why recruiting or grooming a credible successor to a chief executive — especially one who has shaped or reshaped his company — is both difficult and essential. It is also why success as a chief executive is more important than success in the particular industry.



A Sir Michael Edwardes can successfully be transported to an industry for which his previous career may not seem to equip him directly, as his moves from Chloride to British Leyland, and to ICL and Dunlop demonstrate. Being a good chief executive is a qualification in itself.

An internal candidate has certain very obvious advantages — a thorough knowledge of his company's business and personnel being foremost among them. But set against these are some clear drawbacks — that an in-house candidate is likely to be partisan; that he may have lived too long in the shadow of his predecessor; that he will inevitably lack experience

The importance of decision-making chief executives in British business is outlined by Bert Young

of businesses outside his own and so know less of the general climate within which he must operate; and that he has no experience of what it takes to be a chief executive.

A new chief executive selected from outside arrives with a mandate for change, and a fresh look at the company and the directions it should be pursuing. A surprising number of chief executives are in fact appointed from outside. Research indicates that more than 25 per cent of UK companies have used executive search for managing-director appointments in the past two years.

The specific qualities which a firm such as Alexander, Hughes

has to look for in recruiting top executives vary greatly from business to business, and perhaps even more so over time. The emphasis on international competition and collaboration has increased substantially during the last decade. Geographically, the focus for this drive has very clearly shifted from North America to Europe, and for many industries will increasingly shift towards the Far East.

Another determinant of the qualities required will be the health of the company. New chief executives for successful, growing businesses will have a mandate to manage growth, diversify and continue to modernize; others will have the more disagreeable task of retrenching, restructuring and making redundancies.

The first requires vision and the ability to communicate it; the second, determination, toughness and the power to command respect in adversity.

John Gardiner, of the Laird Group, Mike Gifford, of the Rank Organisation, and John White, of BBA, are examples of chief executives who have faced challenges of this sort and brought about change in stagnant organizations in a relatively short period of time.

The ideal chief executive, however, will probably have a measure of both sets, for both will be required at different times.

Despite the differences, some common traits can be discerned. In almost all cases, chief executives have only a relatively brief tenure. Sebastian de Ferranti's 24 years at the helm are quite exceptional: five years are more normal.

First, therefore, the new chief executive needs to have a clear idea of what he needs to achieve and how he is going to do it. That message must be communicated quickly, clearly, simply and effectively. Ian MacGregor at the National Coal Board certainly wasted no time in establishing his objectives and communicating them, and, despite a year-long strike, most of them were achieved with breath-taking speed.

Second, all chief executives need a gift for picking people and getting the best out of them. Their appointment will, in most cases, far outlast them.

Using people well means finding the right balance between giving them too much independence, as at Apple Computer under Steve Jobs, or too little, as is still the case in many of Britain's older businesses or in its government departments.

Obviously, a good chief executive must have a thorough knowledge of the industry he works in, but as industries merge — as with computers and telecommunications, or stockbroking and market-making, or accountancy and advertising — width of experience becomes more important than depth.

How bright should a chief executive be? Opinions differ. Bright enough, obviously, to grasp what is going on in his market place, which demands a sophisticated knowledge of the political and economic climate, as well as an understanding of the tangled world of finance and law.

All too often, extraordinary intelligence is a recipe for indecisiveness, and it is the ability to make up one's mind quickly, then stick with the decision that probably does more than anything else to inspire confidence in a leader of any kind — provided things go well. When they do not, firmness has an alarming tendency to be renamed pig-headedness.

Good luck is therefore an attribute a successful chief executive needs, and the hardest to recognize and cultivate.

Bert Young is chairman of the executive search company, Alexander, Hughes and Associates (UK) Ltd.

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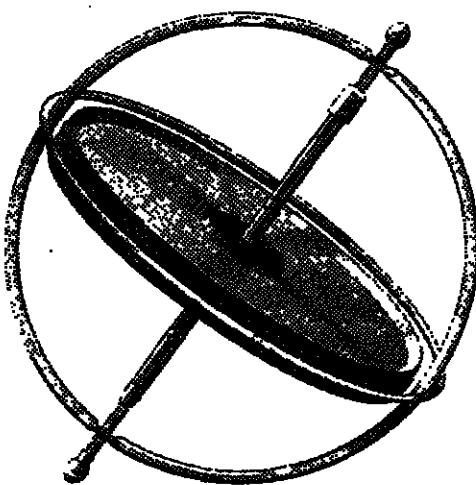
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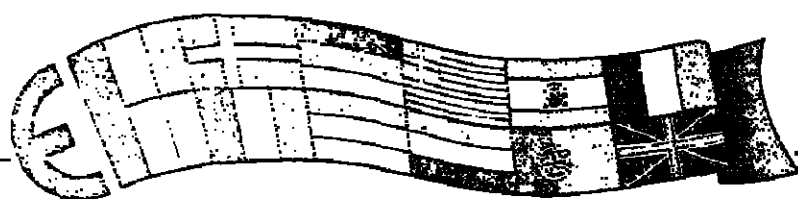
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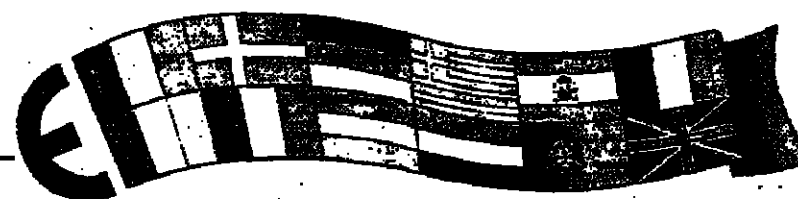
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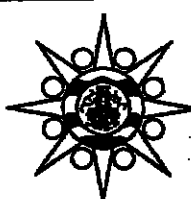
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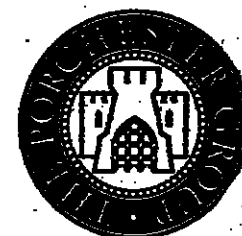
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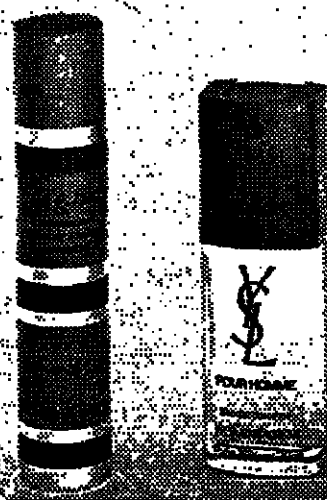
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According to the Association of Conference Executives (ACE), what constitutes a conference is fairly flexible. "It's all about communication, be it between two people or 2,000."

The conference business has become sophisticated and multi-national, whether it involves organizing 1,500 computer specialists to travel to a state-of-the-art conference in California, or getting 50 delegates to a dealers' get-together in Wigan.

Surprisingly, the latter event may be the more elaborate, involving all manner of razzmatazz, from skits of the company personnel to theatrical entertainments about the product, to the latest and greatest of audio-visual presentations. The people responsible for getting these events off the ground are conference organizers. John Farrer of ACE says that conference organizers fall into one of five categories.

Events from seminars
to extravaganzas

First, take the in-company organizer, someone within a larger company responsible for organizing in-house meetings, seminars and conferences. The range of events they deal with may vary from technical presentations to sales extravaganzas, but increasingly in-house organizers are involved in running incentive schemes.

The purpose of these schemes is to motivate the sales force to do more business, and thus they frequently involve conferences, usually in exotic locations overseas. To win a place on a trip, a salesman has to increase sales. Needless to say, the reward of a business meeting in the Bahamas stimulates a more enthusiastic response than a conference in Bognor.

Second, the organizer is involved in more academic conferences, though not necessarily less glamorous ones, organizing meetings of professional institutes and associations. Most professional organizations hold regular national and international conferences. These are frequently organized under the aegis of a voluntary council of members with little conference experience. Associations, therefore, normally employ their own in-house organizer or turn to outside specialists.

The third group are the buyer/suppliers, who are independent professional conference organizers running their own companies. The independents specialize in organizing all kinds of conferences for other people, from generating conference themes to

With £800m spent on
conferences a year,
those who can bring
together the medium
and the message
are in demand,
says Corinne Julius

congratulating the speakers on their performance.

The fourth group are the commercial conference houses which identify gaps in the market and make substantial financial investment in organizing their own conferences.

The final group are venue organizers who may work for a hotel or a conference centre, or perhaps a town or university which wants to sell its facilities.

The range of events in which a conference organizer may be involved is broad and calls for a multitude of skills. The abilities required are well illustrated by Carol Slesser of Carol Slesser Conference Services (CSCS). She has worked for 12 years in the hotel industry selling conference facilities and ended up a conference manager at the Café Royal before starting her own company two years ago. She now has four or five major clients who use her to run their conferences. Usually her clients will suggest a conference theme, but sometimes she originates the topics.

marketability of the conference, Carol Slesser says: "Often I am given a conference title. I know nothing about the subject and have to start from the beginning, finding out who are the experts and getting their advice. It means being able to acquire an instant knowledge of quite complex subjects and having the ability to assess what are likely to be the hot issues."

Then follows a report and recommendations which may result in junking the whole idea, or in restructuring the conference theme to be more marketable. During the research Carol Slesser will note down possible speakers and important topics. Ideally she likes to start off with a conference chairman, but sometimes the speakers come first.

It is important to gauge the communication skills of the speakers and to brief them all thoroughly on what is expected of them. "I always try to get them to say something new, not what they have trotted out before."

In putting together the programme the conference organizer looks at the likely target market and works out what will be most successful in attracting delegates. Independent organizers are usually involved in selling the conference by arranging brochures, organizing advertising, mailshots, inserts and editorial in the trade press.

A major selling point is the location; it is increasingly important to match the

delegates and the facilities. This involves knowing a lot about hotels, food, wine and entertainments and leisure activities as well as being a good negotiator in order to get the best deals possible.

Detail is an integral part of the job. The conference organizer is responsible for registration, audio visual equipment and everything needed on the day. According to Carol Slesser "an eye for detail and a good memory are essential".

Good conference organizers walk the job. They are on hand to deal with problems before they become crises. They are able to turn disasters to their own advantage. I once ran a conference on working in Nigeria. I was too busy to eat and was thus the only person not to get food poisoning. But as I pointed out to delegates, stomach upsets are an inherent part of working abroad and this was a good practical demonstration.

Conference organizers also deal with the aftermath of a conference. They are responsible for the follow-up, from thanking speakers to paying bills. If all this sounds daunting, it is yet more complicated. Most conference organizers will start putting an event together some 18 months in advance, and are working at different stages on between five to 10 conferences simultaneously.

Jumping-off point in
catering industry

The job clearly calls for a superb cook able to think creatively yet have a talent for minute detail. Hannah Beecham, who until recently organized conferences on and in the Middle East, says: "You have to be able to assess what events, such as new legislation or political developments, may create a new conference market."

Conference organizing is that rare profession, one that can be entered without qualifications. The best way in is to acquire administrative experience.

The hotel and catering industry is also a common jumping-off point. Working in the sales office of an hotel or conference venue also gives useful experience and a grounding in transferable skills. Travel agencies, PR firms and marketing organizations also offer opportunities for testing the life of a conference organizer.

A degree, HND or catering or marketing qualifications can be helpful, but not essential in entering the profession. But experience of planning, administration and handling people, and patience are the most attractive skills to a potential employer. Volunteering to run a company event, such as a departmental outing or conference for your current employer, is one way of assessing your own suitability as a conference organizer before seeking further training.

● Details: For a short list of addresses, send a self-sealing SAE (to take A4 sheet) to Special Reports (Conferences), 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9BD.

BANKING & ACCOUNTANCY

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Milton Keynes

To meet the new challenges faced by the Society, the Internal Audit Department has been restructured, creating a number of opportunities for Internal Auditors and Accountants. The vacancies are at various levels in the Department and would be of interest to both qualified and part-qualified professionals.

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SKIING

Pay day for Zurbriggen in world championships

Crans-Montana, Switzerland — (AFP) The big money operation that alpine skiing has now become is underlined by the fact that retaining the world downhill title here would be worth a reported figure of nearly \$130,000 (about £91,000) to Pirmin Zurbriggen.

The Swiss are staging the world championships for the first time since 1974 at St Moritz, when the hosts won just one medal — a bronze for Lise Marie Morerod in the special slalom. It should be different this time.

Zurbriggen won both the downhill and combined gold medals at the last championships at Bormio, Italy, in 1985 but on home snow the stakes will be much higher — and the rewards too. A gold medal for a Swiss skier will be worth \$17,000 from the federation and stars like Zurbriggen can boost their earnings still further through added bonuses from equipment endorsements.

Money has not been too much of an object for the Swiss, ever conscious of the need for perfect organization. What did cause problems was clearing five hectares of land for the championships. Two thousand trees were to go and Swiss ecology groups launched a vigorous campaign to stop the clearance but lost a federal court appeal last March. Work that was to have been stretched over two years had to be completed in a matter of months.

The organizers admit they have gone over their championship budget estimate. The final figure set was \$4.3 million but the budget reached \$7.6 million with receipts of around \$6 million. The deficit will be split between the Swiss Government and the canton of the Valais.

Swiss skiers, and notably the women, have dominated the World Cup this season. Zurbriggen was ruling the overall standings and Maria Walliser the women's as the circus reached a temporary high before the championships which open on Sunday.

At Bormio the Swiss won most golds, four, and most medals, eight. No one else got more than one gold. The evidence of this is that their domination will be even more crushing. Inevitably, Zurbriggen is the leading bid among the men's medal contenders. Last time, Zurbriggen, who will be 24 on the day of the giant slalom here, took the downhill title and the combined title.

His win at Wengen on Sunday was his first in a World Cup downhill, and in Crans he also defends his giant slalom crown, which he won from Zurbriggen who has himself just ended a spell of nearly three barren years in giant slalom by winning the last two races.

But the man to watch in this specialty could be Joel Gaspoz, aged 24, fourth at the 1982 Schladming world championships and with two giant slalom wins to his credit this season. Of the others, Richard Frommelt, the World Cup giant slalom leader from Italy, has two wins this season, though on home snow, while Hubert Ströbl of Austria seems to specialise in third places.

Jonas Nilsson, aged 23, of Sweden is the title holder for the special slalom. He clearly has an eye for the big occasion after taking fourth place at the 1984 Olympics. Two of the men to watch, as usual, will be Ingemar Stenmark, aged 30, and Bojan Križaj, the Yugoslav, who leads the slalom World Cup standings.

While the Swiss have won 10 of the 20 men's races this season, the women have scored 13 victories in 19 events. With Miss Walliser, the title holder, Vreni Schneider, Brigitte Oertli and Erika Hess, they have the top four in the overall World Cup standings. On Sunday the Swiss, for the first time, took the top four places in a World Cup race and there is no reason to think they should not sweep all five gold medals super giant slalom being included in the championships for the first time.

They are unbeaten in giant slalom. Laurie Graham of Canada, the 1982 world champion, took the bronze medal, and Catherine Queney, of France, are alone in having broken their dominance in downhill and super giant slalom respectively while in the special slalom the American, Tamara McKinney, the 1982 overall World Cup winner, looks the best bet to spoil the party for the hosts.

Michela Figini and Miss Hess, who could retain only the combined at Bormio, are defending champions along with Diana Roffe, the American who did not have a World Cup victory to her name when she surprisingly won the giant slalom, while a new special slalom champion is assured with the French girl, Perrine Pelen, having retired.



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Colleges for the sporting elite point the way to revive Britain's fading fortunes

Taxman's debt to the richly talented

Raman Subba Row, chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board, worried like so many leading sports figures about Britain surrendering its dominance at so many sports, sees the future in sports colleges and is forcing the Government to recognize they owe sport a debt through the enormous amounts of money it pours into the coffers through VAT.

"Having given so many sports to the world, the British must increasingly wonder why our prowess seems to have deserted us. As the originators of football, rugby, cricket, golf and lawn tennis — to name but a few — we have lost that initial supremacy," said Subba Row.

Subba Row's intention was to stimulate a debate that might encourage the Government to take sport more seriously. "Their interests are recreational, not professional," he said. "I personally do not think any Government will take sport seriously, yet sport puts an absolute fortune into Government coffers through VAT."

"Taking recreational and specialist sport seriously helps to create a more balanced society. Yet because the Government do not care, sport should be seen if it can improve itself."

Subba Row, aged 54, a former Surrey, Northamptonshire and England cricketer, is primarily concerned with improving facilities and opportunities for the top one per cent of sportsmen and women — those likely to turn professional. "These are the ones whom we must look after. Facilities in Britain have improved for 99 per cent," he said.

"The main question to be resolved is whether sport matters. If it does, we ought to have city sports colleges inaugurated in the next few years."



Raman Subba Row (above), the chairman of the TCCB, passes on a tip to the Government

Universities seem to be recognizing once again that games have a place, but time is not on our side. The Government are setting up 20 city technology colleges. What is to prevent us setting up sports colleges?

"The climate, the diffusiveness and historical nature of the sporting infrastructure in this country do not lend themselves to finding outstanding players," he said Subba.

"How many people want to be first? How do we persuade the authorities that, although the needs of the recreational 99 per cent of sports enthusiasts are important to us, it is the top one per cent who need very special treatment? Those in private and grammar schools have an immediate advantage but in other schools it is little more than pot luck."

Britain's superstars, who come from one per cent of sporting society, have caused to feel hard done by.

The pupil is dependent on the enthusiasm of the particular teacher. To talk of sport and not competing in the same breath is stupid.

Surely we need a regional infrastructure to find this one per cent, develop the talent and concentrate on learning how sportsmen should live with success at a young age. This is not force-feeding — only sensible career development.

"What about our facilities? Local authorities — with the help of the Sports Council — have gradually built centres for the recreational majority and some of them are very successful, but if we are going to specialize, we must build proper facilities and provide the necessary skilled staff," he said.

"If the Government were to take this seriously, I would hope they would fund such a scheme totally. I would suggest pupils go to the colleges at some stage between the ages of 12 and the early twenties and that the balance between studying and sport be tailored to the individual."

"Specialist PE teachers from colleges like Exeter and Loughborough could teach sport. I would hope crossmoulding to the best would not be a disadvantage on schools."

"Britain has the best sports coaches and promoters, and with the improvement in international communications and travel, others have been quick to learn. The lads associated with international sporting success have not been lost on most Governments."

"The other point is to what extent Britain has declined, if at all. In athletics, standards have been rising, so why should the non-measurable sports be any different?"

"Arguments about about the ef-

fects of the climate, facilities and the welfare state on dedication, but it is probably true that although we have improved at team games, others have improved faster.

"Fundamentally, the problems belong to the respective sports and their organizers do not want any interference in their affairs. What they do want is to see a supply of young talent and the creation of an environment which not only recognizes the part sport has to play, but also provides top class facilities to develop those boys and girls who show the required ability, which brings us back to sports colleges," he said.

Resources should not be a problem, because this should be a Government priority. This is despite the fact that various Governments have received a vast windfall surplus of VAT from sport since 1973 and it is wasteful thinking to suppose that even with an election in the offing, sport could be made an exception from the statutory 15 per cent tax.

More realistically, the major bodies should seek to harness the immense public interest in sport in the United Kingdom and secure its rightful share from the broadcasting authorities.

"The effective nationalization of our televised sport by the fixed licence fee must have a limited life now that we are entering the cable and satellite age. Funds should be made available — not to pay inflated and unrealistic wages to players — but to start the development of our young talent again from scratch."

"If not, many major sports will continue to struggle in the cold world outside."

Ivo Tennant

ROWING

Pratt rises from within as professional chief

By Jim Railton

The Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) have appointed their next chief professional officer from within their own ranks. Ivan Pratt, aged 45, who is presently the ARA's honorary treasurer, will succeed David Lunn-Rockliffe as executive secretary in October. However, he will begin his full-time professional career with the sport, taking up a holding post as assistant secretary, from the beginning of February.

The appointment from within the ARA's own hierarchy will not be without some criticism but the post was advertised nationally and there was some headhunting before a highly competitive interview.

Pratt was educated at Rotham Grammar School, gained a bachelor of divinity degree at King's College, London, before taking a second degree in economics at the London School of Economics. He started his professional career in chartered accountancy and later was involved in commodity and mining finance before delving into world currency operations.

Certainly Pratt will know his parish. He has been captain of Weybridge Rowing Club, a junior international coach, holds the ARA's gold coaching award; is a qualified umpire and organizes a major head race. Apart from being the ARA's honorary secretary since 1981, he was also

honorary secretary and treasurer of last year's highly successful world rowing championships in Nottingham.

It is an impressive curriculum vitae which must have given Pratt a good head start over competitors for one of sport's top professional posts. His professional and sporting background must stand him in good stead and he is a well known personality in the sport. He will however go in at the deep end.

As assistant secretary, he has the responsibility for the ARA's *nouveaux vague* with special responsibility for the preparation and note marketing of the ARA's new registration scheme for all rowers. That promises to keep him busy from the onset.

He is described by the ARA as a "grass roots person" with a particular rapport with those who manage clubs and organize regattas and head races. A goal of the sport is to increase participation by 25 per cent in the coming years, hopefully coupled with maintaining the thrust over the past few years with gold medals collected at Olympic, world and Commonwealth regattas.

To maintain this momentum at international level funds have to be generated. Pratt's monitoring background will be more than useful in a highly competitive market with too many sports chasing limited resources.

SQUASH RACKETS

Lyon and cub's roar of pride

By Colin McQuillan

It is tempting to reach for clichés about the sublime and the ridiculous when viewing the goings-on at Arlegh Hall, the home of the British Squash Rackets Association. But the phrase is insufficient.

Sublime indeed has been the rising performance of Harris, aged 17, in reaching today's semi-finals of the Blue Stratos Rackets Cup, another at Marlborough, Buckinghamshire, so soon after winning his third successive under-19 title. A win over Rodney Martin, the top

seed and defending champion, aged 21, of Australia, will take him into tomorrow's final. Ridiculous, however, is too harsh a description, and one completely missing the humour attached to the 4-1 defeat delivered to Arlegh Hall in Tuesday's American Express Premier League fixture by Halls West Country while Harris and Chris Waller were off again, beaten 9-0, 9-2, 9-2, but cheered by a supporting crowd which relished such willing participation. Table, page 38

FISHING

Fluctuating fortunes of the salmon

By Conrad Voss Bark

Doubts persist about the claims of conservationists that the Atlantic salmon is an endangered species. Some fishery scientists believe that an apparent decline, based on United Nations statistics, covers too short a period to give a true picture.

The world catch recorded by a branch of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization shows a decline from more than 10,000 tonnes in 1967 to just under 6,000 in 1982. But over a longer period of time the decline may be a fluctuation. Before the UN existed, river boards in England, now the water authorities, kept their own records and these show a different picture.

Wessex Water have published figures showing that there was a decline in the 1970s in Hampshire and Dorset rivers but that was after the high peak years of the 1960s. They said that catches were merely returning to the pre-1960 level. There were heavy runs of salmon in 1935, 1915 and 1890 and in between, over many years, were lower levels. In other words — a long-term fluctuation, not a decline.

This natural rhythm affects many catches. Figures kept of mayfly hatches on the River Test from the early 1800s show immense fluctuations. In 1890 the hatch was the greatest ever known. In 1906 there were no

fly at all. In 1924 there were an enormous number. J. W. Hills, the fly fishing historian, wrote: "The truth is that the mayfly, like all wild species, is subject to cycles of increase and diminution, of which we know nothing... we need have little fear for the future provided we do not allow poisons are allowed to pollute the rivers."

Where salmon have really declined may be due to pollution in individual rivers as in southern Norway where they have been affected by acid rain. Where there is no pollution the stock may vary up and down over long periods of 20 or 30 years or more.

Law Report January 22 1987 Chancery Division

Privileged papers sent to other side's solicitors

English and American Insurance Co Ltd and Others v Herbert Smith & Co (a firm) and Another

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor [Judgment January 21]

Where one party to an action obtained information that was the subject of legal professional privilege belonging to the other side and an order was sought restraining the use of such information before it had been tendered in evidence in legal proceedings, an injunction restraining any use of such information should be granted.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division on a motion of the first and 18 other plaintiffs for an order, inter alia, that the defendants, Herbert Smith & Co and BICC plc deliver up to the plaintiffs or their solicitors any note, letter, written record (including any attendance note) or any other document within their possession containing any information derived from any document forming part of a bundle of documents belonging to the plaintiffs and in the possession of Herbert Smith & Co between December 1, 1986 and January 3, 1987; and an order restraining the defendants until after judgment in the action from communicating to any person any information derived from the bundle, making any note, letter, written record containing any information derived from the bundle or making any use of any information derived from the bundle.

Mr John Macdonald, QC and Mr Nicholas Le Poidevin for the plaintiffs, Mr Geoffrey Hobbs for the defendants.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that on account of a mistake by a barrister's clerk a bundle of documents belonging to the plaintiffs had been on the desk of the solicitor who had control of the matter for the defendants, one Mr Bates.

The bundle related to an action between the parties pending in the Commercial Court and contained instructions to counsel, his opinions, notes,

advice, letters and witness statements, obviously all documents subject to legal privilege.

Mr Bates used the string of this bundle, immediately realized what had happened and put the bundle to one side unread. He went to a senior colleague and together they gave detailed and careful consideration over several days to the question of the rights and duties of solicitors to their clients in such circumstances.

In particular they considered advice given by the Law Society in a booklet on professional practice, entitled *The Professional Conduct of Solicitors*, and advice given to Herbert Smith by the Law Society in a statement case two years previously.

Herbert Smith then informed BICC that they had received the bundle on the basis that they had a paramount duty to their client.

BICC instructed Herbert Smith to read the papers and they did so. They took notes of the contents but no copies and then returned the bundle to the plaintiffs' solicitors informing them of their actions.

Two main cases governed the position that arose when one party had got hold of the privileged documents of the other. They were *Lord Ashburton v. Guest* (1891) 2 Ch 469 and *Calcraft v. Guest* (1898) 1 QB 759, and were in some respects difficult to reconcile.

His Lordship, however, thought that the position had been put beyond doubt in *Goddard v Nationwide Building Society* (1986) 3 WLR 734, 743 where Lord Justice May said: "If a litigant has in his possession copies of documents to which legal professional privilege attaches he may nevertheless use them in his litigation; however, if he has not yet used the documents in that way, the mere fact that he intends to do so is not answer to a claim against him by the person in whom the privilege is vested for delivery up of the copies or to restrain him from disclosing or making any use of any information contained in them."

As the documents in the

present case had not yet been used as secondary evidence in the litigation, the plaintiffs had an unanswerable claim to the injunctions they sought.

Mr Hobbs sought to distinguish *Nationwide* and *Ashburton* on the grounds that the original receipt of the information in the present case was entirely innocent and that equity would not act against a third party.

His Lordship rejected that submission relying in particular on Lord Justice Nourse in *Nationwide* at p 745: "The right of the party who desires the protection to involve the equitable jurisdiction does not in any way depend of the conduct of the third party into whose possession the record of the confidential communication has come."

"Thus, several eminent judges have been of the opinion that an injunction can be granted against a stranger who has come innocently into the possession of confidential information to which he is not entitled... This view seems to give effect to the general rule that equity gives

relief against all the world, including the innocent, save only a *bona fide* purchaser for value who has no notice."

Nor was his Lordship satisfied that the receipt of the privileged information as opposed to the documents in the present case was entirely innocent. The documents were read after the solicitors became aware that they were privileged.

If a person read a letter to another marked "private and confidential" it was difficult to say that that person was not implicated in the leakage of confidential information.

The result gave his Lordship a certain satisfaction. Legal privilege was an important legal right which gave an individual the freedom to communicate freely with his legal advisers secure in the knowledge that anything so communicated would not be used against him.

It was most undesirable that that security should be threatened by the mischance that if such information accidentally escaped it could be used by the other side.

It was clear that Herbert Smith's decision was much influenced by the Law Society's advice. His Lordship suggested that the Law Society might care to consider their advice in the light of *Nationwide* and perhaps the present case.

BICC had no right to look at the bundle. Therefore their solicitor could not be under any duty to hand over information contained in it which in equity belonged to the other side.

The details of professional practice, however, were a matter for the Law Society, not the court.

His Lordship therefore granted an order that the defendants lodge any written notes taken from the bundle and other relevant documents in a sealed envelope with the Chief Master of the Chancery Division until trial or further order and an injunction restraining the defendants from using any information derived from the bundle for the purposes of pleading, evidence, cross-examination or otherwise overtly for the purposes of the action.

Solicitors: Davies Arnold & Cooper; Herbert Smith & Co.

Evidential value of statement by defendant out of court

Regina v Sharp

Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown, Mr Justice Kenneth Jones and Mr Justice Turner [Judgment January 20]

The evidential value of a statement containing both admissions and self-exculpatory parts which was made to a police officer out of court by a defendant who at his trial did not himself give evidence on oath was considered by the Court of Appeal.

Their Lordships allowed the appeal of Colin Michael Sharp against his conviction on March 11, 1986 at Southampton Crown Court (Judge Smithies and a jury) of burglary.

Mr Alastair Malcolm, as

signed by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Stephen Parish for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE KENNETH JONES, giving the judgment of the court, said that the law was made clear in *R v Duncan* (1981) 73 Cr App R 359, 365 (that the jury should be told to consider the whole of such a statement, both the incriminatory parts and the excuses or explanations).

That represented a departure from the approach to mixed statements adopted for many years, and might well have created difficulties for judges trying criminal cases. But it was admitted, contrary to his own interests, that he was present in the area of the burglary at the material time.

In so directing the jury the trial judge was not following the law as it was laid down in *Duncan* and repeated in *Hanman*, that constituted a misdirection and the appeal had to be allowed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Eastleigh.

European Law Report

Luxembourg

Commission did not consider primary use of computers

Control Data Belgium Inc v Commission of the European Communities

Case 13/84 Before R. Joliet, President of the First Chamber and Judges G. Bosco and T. F. O'Higgins Advocate General Sir Gordon Slynn (Opinion June 25, 1986) [Judgment January 21]

In determining whether or not a computer might be brought into the European Community free of common customs tariff (CCT) duties the Commission should have considered whether it was primarily suitable for scientific activities even if it might also be used in industry.

In its judgment of March 17, 1983 (Case 294/81, *Control Data v Commission*) [1983] ECR 911 the Court had held that the Commission in adopting a decision establishing that the apparatus known as "Control Data" — Cyber 170-720 and 170-730 — could not be imported free of CCT duties, had failed to apply to clear criteria which were in accordance with the Community rules and that it had not taken sufficient account of the objective technical characteristics of the two computers in question.

Consequently the Court had declared that decision void and referred the matter back to the Commission.

Pursuant to that judgment the Commission had adopted Decision No 83/521 on October 12, 1983 (OJ 1983 No L 293, p 24) in which it stated again that the computers in question could not be imported free of CCT duties.

The Commission's examination of the apparatus was based on the fact that the apparatus was used in a number of industries such as the motor and aerospace industries. The Commission seemed therefore to have adopted the view that apparatus could not be suitable for scientific purposes if it were capable of use for both research and industrial purposes.

In that regard the Court had previously held that the concept of the scientific nature of instruments or apparatus was not

to be interpreted restrictively. It followed from the objectives of Regulation (EEC) No 1798/75 of the Council of July 10, 1975 (OJ 1975 No L 84, p 1) as stated, in particular, in the first and second recitals in the preamble thereto. That regulation was intended to favour, not hamper, the implementation of the Florence Agreement of 1952 on the importation of educational, scientific and cultural materials drawn up under the auspices of Unesco.

The criterion of being "mainly or exclusively suited to scientific activities" provided for by article 3(3) of Regulation No 1798/75, as amended, therefore required only that the instrument or apparatus was to be primarily suitable for scientific activities and did not exclude the possibility that the instrument or apparatus might also be suitable, secondarily, for other purposes, such as, for example, industrial use.

Consequently, the Commission had adopted an approach which was too narrow by proceeding on the basis that the mere fact that a computer was designed for handling long words and was therefore capable of being used in certain industrial undertakings was sufficient to prevent it from qualifying from duty free admission.

It should have considered whether the computers were primarily suitable for scientific activities in view of the unusual length of the words which they could handle and their ability to carry out complex operations at high speed and, if they were, it should have admitted them duty free even if they could also be used in industry.

On those grounds, the European Court (First Chamber): 1 Declared that Commission Decision No 83/521 of October 12, 1983 establishing that the apparatus described as "Control Data" — Cyber 170-720 and 170-730 — might not be imported free of CCT duties was void; 2 Ordered the Commission to pay the costs.

At the hearing it contended that complex numerical functions also had to be performed in numerous industries such as the motor and aerospace industries. The Commission seemed therefore to have adopted the view that apparatus could not be suitable for scientific purposes if it were capable of use for both research and industrial purposes.

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It should have considered whether the computers were primarily suitable for scientific activities in view of the unusual length of the words which they could handle and their ability to carry out complex operations at high speed and, if they were, it should have admitted them duty free even if they could also be used in industry.

On those grounds, the European Court (First Chamber): 1 Declared that Commission Decision No 83/521 of October 12, 1983 establishing that the apparatus described as "Control Data" — Cyber 170-720 and 170-730 — might not be imported free of CCT duties was void; 2 Ordered the Commission to pay the costs.

Getting hooked on a colonel in 40 minutes



CHOICE

remarkable television debut for the young director Molly Dineen, a documentary student at the National Film and Television School. Between them, she and *40 Minutes* editor Edward Mirzoeff have put a real-life "original" on our television screens. We have not heard the last of Colonel Hilary Hook.

being composed of unusually intelligent interviews with stars and technicians and offering an over-the-cameraman's-shoulder view of several key sequences from the film including a costly scene that had to be shot twice because it went wrong the first time — the burning down of the country house that plays a pivotal role in the movie. Tarkovsky himself features prominently in Lisbet Gabrielsson's film, but she did not get an interview with him. Luckily for her, the other interviewees voice his unspoken thoughts.

● Best of the rest tonight: the resumed story of an adulterous relationship. *The Mistress* (BBC2, 9.00pm), with Felicity Kendall enchanting in the title role. The fingerprints of writer Carla Lane are everywhere in evidence.

Peter Davalle



BBC1

5.00 **Caspar Ales.**
6.30 **Newsp headlines followed by The Flintstones.** (r) **8.55**
Weather
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jimmy James. **Regional and international news** at **7.20**, **7.30**, **8.00** and **8.30**; **regional news and traffic reports** at **7.15**, **7.45** and **8.15**; and **at 7.25**, **7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 **Wetdog.** **Consumer complaints** investigated by Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton **8.55** **Regional news and weather**
9.00 **New weather 9.05 Day to Day.** **Robert Kilroy-Silk**, his guests, and the studio audience, discuss a topical subject **9.45** **Advice Show.** **John McDermott** investigates what **Jobclub** and **Jobstart** schemes can do to help the unemployed.
10.00 **News and weather 10.05**
News. (r) **10.25** **Children's BBC.** With **Philip Schofield**, **10.30** **Play School.** (r) **10.50** **Willie the Wisp.** (r)
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** **Jan Harvey** with a thought for the day **11.00** **News and weather 11.05**
Five to Drink. **John Peel** of **Tuesday's** programme which included a malt whisky tasting. **11.35** **Open Air** includes news and weather at **12.00**
12.20 **The Top O' the Roadshow.** Variety show from Derby. With **Debbie Greenwood**. **12.55** **Regional news and weather.**
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with **Martin Lewis.** **Weather.** **1.25** **Newsp.** **Scottish** and **Welsh** news. **1.45** **Supporting Kim** too much. **1.45** **The Flumps.** (r)
2.00 **Film: School For Secrets** (1946) starring **Ralph Richardson** and **Richard Attenborough.** **Second World War** drama about a group of **Allied scientist** given the task of finding an early warning system. Directed by **Peter Ustinov.**

BBC 2

9.00 **Cee-fax.**
9.35 **Daytime on Two:** part one of a basic German conversation course for 22 A-level students about two young teenagers going through their first serious relationship 10.15 **Science:** sliding 10.38 **History:** the Tudors 10.55 **Versailles:** 11.00 **Thinkabout:** rubbish dump.
11.18 Changing from a primary to a secondary school; and what happens when homework is left to the last minute 11.40 **Bewild:** of solvent issues 12.12 Growing up in Scotland 12.45 **Science:** Light, electrons, and the atom 1.05 **A French for beginners course:** The lure of the 2.00 **News and weather:** 2.02 **How we move:** 2.15 **Military music.**
2.35 **The Collectors.** Buttery collector George Thomson. First show on BBC Scotland
3.00 **News and weather.**
3.03 **The Romance of Indian Railways,** written and narrated by James Cameron. Michael Seal narrated meeting director of ICI in India, goes in search of steam locomotives for the first railway museum in Asia. (?)
3.50 **News regional news and weather.**
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.** This afternoon's guests include handwriting expert, Jenny Hailton, and John Ficar. (?)
4.35 **A Taste of Ulster.** A new series in which Derek Davis ventures forth to meet Northern Ireland cookery experts in their own homes. First airing on BBC Northern Ireland
5.05 **My Music.** Lighthearted musical quiz. (?)
5.30 **Film 67.** (?)
6.00 **Impossible.** A foreign agent is tricked into stealing a fake missile system. (?)
6.50 **Duel With An Tealbach.** A fascinating account of a rescue operation, based on the diary of a G.O. One of three people involved when two of three climbers fell down a 700 ft gulley on An Tealbach, a sea-level ridge in the west of Scotland in April 1996. (?)
7.45 **Maestro.** A profile of skater John Curry.
8.30 **Call My Bluff** presented by Rosemary Wren. With Frank Muir, Sue Cook, Hugh Wheldon, Arthur Marshall, Rula Lenska, and Dennis Waterman.
9.00 **The Mistress.** A new Carla Lane comedy series in which Felicity Kendal finds herself in all manner of ludicrous situations when she has an affair with a married man.
9.40 **40 Minutes Home** from the Hills. A former naval cavalry colonel and safari leader, Hilary Hook, has adapted to life in a cottage next to a supermarket carpark in the Cotswolds. (Choice)
10.10 **Cricknet.** Highlights of the World Series Cup match in Sydney between Australia and England.
10.55 **Newsnight.**
10.50 **Newsnight.**

ITV LONDON

6.15 TV-am presented by Richard Kays. Weather at 6.22 and 8.55; news at 6.30; sport at 6.45; and exercises at 6.55.

7.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and Jemi Bernett's postbag at 8.35. After Nine includes an interview with Charles Dances; and Claire Rayner's advice on personal problems. Plus, at 9.17, exercises with Lizzie Webb.

9.25 **Thames** news headlines.


9.30 **Schools** how letters are delivered **9.42** **The story of Roy Beer** and the Colours of White **9.54** **Health care: germs** 10.11 Part one of **Storm Bay** 10.28 An unemployed father takes to the bottle; his disillusioned son to glue-sniffing **11.03** **Behind the scenes** at the making of Mr Magus is Waiting For You **11.20** **Science**: making things move **11.37** **How We Used to Live** include the trial of a conscientious objector.

12.00 **Cheese Crawlers**, (r) 12.10 **Puddle Lane**. Puppets with Neel Innes and Richard Robinson **12.30** **The Sultivans**.

1.00 **News** at 1.00 **1.20** **Thames** news **1.30** **Falcon Crest**. Drama serial set in California vineyard country. **2.25** **Roma** **Cookery Club**. Gourmet **Mushroom Soup**, (r)

2.30 **Daytime**. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on the Brain Drain. With Professor Williams, Lord Deedes, and Sir Clive Sinclair. **3.00** **Take Six** **Corks**. Anton Moshmann of the Dorchester prepares the fish course. (r) **3.25** **Thames** news headlines **3.30** **Sons and Daughters**.

4.00 **The Raggy Dolls**, (r) **4.10** **Bartink**, (r) **4.20** **The Wind in the Willows**. Toad gets a new telescope and spends the night on the roof, stargazing. **4.45** **The Blunders**. Cartoon series



Janet Ellis with Emmanuel whose a Blue Peter Mobile Eye Un

CHANNEL 4

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2.15 Their Lordships' House. (r)
2.30 Films House of Strangers (1949) starring Edward G. Robinson in the Oscar-winning role of Gino Monetti, a self-made banker who finds himself in with the law and his four sons (Richard Conte, Andrew, Adam, Paul Valentine, and Efrim Zimbalist Jr.) The three resent their treatment and one day the chance comes to avenge it: you pay back their father's harsh treatment. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz.

4.20 A Star Is Hatched. Cartoon. A gipsy's Dickie loves a gipsy's another and the game of guile for pairs.

5.00 Film: To the Ends of the Earth (1948) starring Dick Powell. Adventure thriller about a United States government agent on the trail of opium smugglers. His investigations take him to China, Egypt and Cuba. Directed by Robert Siodman.

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen includes an examination of the Neil report into the policing of Liverpool 8.

7.50 Controversy. With her views on a topical subject is Dianne Hayer, director of Alcohol Concern. Weather.

8.00 Opinions: The Red Flag. In this series of four programmes examining socialism Robin Blackburn, editor of the New Left Review, argues that the capitalist framework that has developed in Britain should be abandoned and that everyone should embark on a new course designed to lead to a fairer distribution of wealth, for individuals as well as regions, and society where everyone will be able to put their talents to good use.

8.30 Equinox: A Short History of the Future. The second of two series of four short history interviews and archival film to reveal the way in which writers, scientists and film-makers imagined the future influenced the way the world eventually transpired. This evening's subject is space flight. (r)

9.30 Film on 4 - Take 2: Squaring the Circle (1964) starring Bernard Hill, Alec McCowen, and R. D. Kinnear. Tom Stoppard's dramatization of the events in Poland between August 1980 and December 1981 when a group of workers tried to win a type of freedom with Iron Curtain socialism. Directed by Michael Hodges. (Oracle)

11.25 The Making of 'The Sacrifice' A documentary about the making of Russian film director, Andrei Tarkovsky's last film before he died of cancer at the end of last year, in a house of a diary of events. (see Choice)

12.05 Their Lordships' House. Highlights of the day's debates in the House of Lords, presented by Elinor Goodman. Ends at 12.20.

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10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup
11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.11
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pieces in Miniature 11.40 Fanning Wor-
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12.15 Race Results 12.30 Music 1.00
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Marten's Music Book 1.45 Book Channel
1.50 In the Meantime 2.00 News 2.05
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Afternoon Britain 3.10 Newsnight 3.30
Country Style (until 4.45) 5.45 World Today
All times in GMT.

Kathron Sturrock (pia

Mozart (Rondo in A major, K 511)
Schubert (Fantasia in C, D. 780, Wanderer)

10.35 Music of the Spheres:
Leningrad PO under
Mravinsky. Hindemith's
Symphony: Die
Harmonie der Welt

11.10 Sir Constantine - foreign
broadcasts, monitored by
Angus McDermid. (7)

11.30 Vienna and Palma East
of Eden. Bennett
(planned). Joyce Riddell
(plano). Leo Weiner
(Peregrin Verburk). Jertel
(Sonata in B flat, Op
posth)

12.05 BBC Welsh SO (under
Antoni Wit). With Esther
Graham (violin). Stravinsky
(Afternoon concerto in
Schumann (Symphony No 4).
1.00 News

1.05 The Sixteen (under Harry
Christy), with
The Philips organ.
Works by Purcell
(including: Thou knowest
Lord; and O Lord God of
Hosts), and Britten (Hymn to

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includes Krisztina Lake

the title role. Ulrich Reiss, Dora Kuschak, Roland Herrmann, Elisabeth Glauser and Heiko Orma. Act one

7.55 One Pair of Ears: music-making on radio, reviewed by Geoffrey Buxton

8.10 Undine: the second act of the opera. Interval raised at 8.15. The third act at 9.20

10.20 Music in Our Time: Luciano (directed by Odaline de la Martinez), with Jane Manning (soprano), John Moriarty (oboe), Leon Brionzi (Concerto for oboe and 13 instruments), Milton Babbitt (Vision and Prayer), Joseph Schatz (Symphonies)

11.25 First Night: a first performance review by Eric Griffiths

11.35 Vladimir Ashkenazy: piano recital, Choc (Nocturnes in Bb, Op 32 No 1; in A flat, Op 32 No 2; No 1 minor, Op 55 No 1; in E flat, Op 55 No 2)

11.57 News. 12.00 Closesown

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Davenport and
Banbury. Discover who the
hunting people are, and
why they do it.

1.48 **News: The Love, Lynn**
Talks to a professional bird
watcher.

2.00 **News, You and Yours.**
Instant

2.27 **Crashline... Reasonably**
Together Again - an
entertainment in words
and music, with special
guest Barney Bates (s)

2.55 **Weather**

3.00 **The World At One: News**

1.40 **The Archers 1.55**
Shipping

2.00 **News: Woman's**
Hour. Includes a feature
on some women who are
prospective
Conservative MPs. Also, a
suspense tale. Good
investments. told by Heather
Bates

3.00 **News: The Afternoon**
Play: Sweet Still,
by Aynsle Parry. With Edna Doré
and Tommy Eytle in the
cast. (s)

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30 Glyn Worsnip delves into

the BBC sound Archives to give you a new perspective on current events.

25 Kaiidoscope with Christopher Bigsby. Includes comment on Alice Munro's book *The Progress of Love*, the film *Salvador*, and *The CID and Twelfth Night* at the Donmar Warehouse.

26 A Book at Bedtime: The Schartz-Meterkiele Method, by Saki. The reader is Michael Cochrane

29 Weather

30 The World Tonight:

31 The Financial World Tonight

30 Today in Parliament

12.00 Shipping

1F (available in England and S Wales) only is above evening: Travel 9.05-10.45 For Schools 11.00-12.00 For Schools 1.55-3.00pm For Schools 5.50-5.55 PM

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SPORT

Bosch quits the Becker camp

Gunther Bosch, who coached Boris Becker to two Wimbledon tennis men's singles championships, has parted company with the 19-year-old world No. 2.

"I can no longer accept the attitude with which Boris prepares for tournaments," Bosch says in today's issue of the West German newspaper, *Bild*. "Further collaboration would have made me abandon my personality and put my good name at risk," he adds.

But Bosch denied that the split was triggered by Becker's ill-tempered display during his fourth round defeat by the Australian, Wally Masur, in the Australian championships on Tuesday. Becker was fined \$2,000 (about £1,300) yesterday as a consequence of his misbehaviour.

Becker's antics included break-

ing his racket, throwing the ball twice at the umpire, spitting water in the umpire's direction and smashing three balls into the crowd. Bosch, aged 48, said that Becker had withdrawn from him in a sporting sense to an extent that he had never thought possible, a remark he which did not qualify.

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Bosch, a former youth coach for the West German Tennis Federation, brought Becker to the attention of Ion Tiriac who responded by hiring the Romanian-born West German national as the 17-year-old's personal coach.

It is no secret that Bosch has found travelling the world with

Becker and Bosch, both of them forceful characters, a trying and pressurized business.

Untypically Bosch, who was a rival of Tiriac's when they played on junior teams in Bucharest in the early 1960s, burst out laughing when Becker was warned for an infringement of the no-coaching rule during the course of his defeat by Masur. On the numerous previous occasions that this has happened Bosch has taken a serious view of the situation and has looked, at best, embarrassed.

The defeat was Becker's second successive surprise defeat on the grass courts at Kooyong. He was beaten by Michael Schapery, of The Netherlands, in the second round of the last Australian Open 13 months ago.

Today's *Bild* report was teleaxed in advanced to news agencies yesterday, precipitating a flood of inquiries to the Regent hotel, Melbourne, where Becker, Tiriac and Bosch are staying. Tiriac instructed staff not to allow any calls to be put through to his suite, nor those of Becker or Bosch.

However Tiriac, who had been in a relaxed mood while chatting with Bosch in the hotel lobby earlier in the day, was expected to make a statement on the break-up late last night.

Becker put his defeat by a player ranked 71st in the world quickly behind him last night by going to a Lionel Richie concert in Melbourne and is planning a holiday in Australia before returning to Melbourne on Monday to film a television commercial.

Good night, pyjama game

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Sydney

Cricket in Australia was busy yesterday contemplating the departure from the scene of Kerry Packer. He disappeared as suddenly and dramatically as when in 1977, he shanghaied 25 of the world's best players after being refused, on what he thought were unreasonable grounds, exclusive television rights by the Australian Cricket Board.

No one has ever changed a game in the way that Packer has changed cricket in Australia. "Kerry Francis Ballmore Packer", said a feature writer yesterday in *The Age* of Melbourne, "is a huge man who, among other achievements, changed the face of cricket. He turned a venerable game into whizz-bang one-day wonders and put the players into coloured pyjama-like outfits. Anyone who could do that is extraordinary." Yes, indeed.

But it, out of his intention, some good has come, the unwanted outweights it. From being underpaid, some of the best players now get handsomely rewarded. Night cricket, a tremendous money-spinner in Australia and a remarkable spectacle, has been pioneered.

On the other hand, and as always seemed likely, the theory expounded at the time by Tony ("I am a Packer man down to my bootlaces") Greig, that grass-root cricketers would be the greatest beneficiaries of all, has proved a red herring.

The game, while becoming more alive to the possibilities of sponsorship, has become more beholden to its sponsors, especially in Australia. And if the standard of television camerawork has improved, which is beyond doubt, I constantly hear from viewers in England that they are bored by the imbalance of a day's "highlights".

Nothing has annoyed me more over the years than to hear that Packer "saved cricket". What he did, with his eye for the main chance, was to see the possibilities of the one-day game as good and reasonably inexpensive home-produced television material. The final of the 1975 World Cup between Australia and West Indies at Lord's had kept Australia up all night; it made for such excitement. That was the genesis of it.

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In May 1977, when there were the first signs of a break-away, cricket was in outstandingly good health. England had just enjoyed a hugely successful tour of India, the Test matches there being played before capacity crowds, and the Centenary Test in Melbourne had been an unqualified success. Today Test cricket in India is in low water while in Australia it is being fragmented by the one-day game.

The helmet, the result of excessive use of the bouncer, came in with World Series Cricket. One way they chose of investing their games with a spurious authenticity was by making them spectacularly dangerous. The most blood-curdling game of cricket I ever watched was between Packer's Australians and West Indians on the Sydney Showground in 1978.

By the same token, to try to convince the public that WSC cricket was "for real", players threw tantrums and the tantrums were contagious. Two years ago, during a confrontation with the Federal Communications Commission's alleged monopoly of sports telecasts, Packer contended that through Channel Nine he had done more for sports coverage than anyone else in Australia.

He probably has, but he has done some apocalyptic things to Australian cricket. It was not unifying that on Tuesday, the day of his going, Australia were being overrun by West Indians.

So what effect will Alan Bond's patronage have on the game? I like to think that in principle he is opposed to the tail wagging the dog, which has been happening since the ABC and WSC came to terms with each other in 1979. Old scores can now be forgotten. Future negotiations between PBL, who are in charge of the marketing of Australian cricket, and the ABC can take place in a less jammed atmosphere.

In 1989 the agreement between the two comes up for review. Perhaps, as a result of Tuesday's coup, it will be earlier. Perhaps Bond will see it as a mission to do what he can to get the Ashes back by helping to restore perspective to Australian cricket. It was, after all, who relieved the New York Yacht Club of the America's Cup.



Tiriac, Becker and Bosch in happier days with the Wimbledon trophy

FOOTBALL

Blackburn in Mimms loan deal

Bobby Mimms, the Everton goalkeeper, has agreed to join Blackburn Rovers on a month's loan and Tony Parkes, the second division club's caretaker manager, is hoping to complete a Merseyside double today by signing the Liverpool reserve forward, Sean Conry, aged 20, for £5,000.

Mimms, who has played against Blackburn for Sunderland on loan this season, will be used as cover while Blackburn's first-choice goalkeeper, Terry Gennoe, is out of action with a chest virus infection.

● Brian Caswell, the Leeds United defender, yesterday joined Wolverhampton Wanderers on a month's loan with a view to a permanent deal.

Caswell played more than 400 times for Walsall before joining Billy Bremner during his Doncaster Rovers days and was re-signed by the Leeds manager when he switched to Elland Road. He cost £35,000 in November 1985 but has made only a few first team appearances for Leeds.

Meanwhile, Micky Adams, the Coventry City utility player, yesterday completed his £110,000 transfer to Leeds.

Adams, aged 25, who was a schoolboy signing by Sheffield United, is the second new-comer to Elland Road since Leeds sold Ian Snodin, their captain, to Everton for a club record £840,000. Bremner signed the Charlton Athletic forward John Pearson, for £75,000 two weeks ago.

● Crystal Palace have completed the £75,000 transfer of Mark Bright from Leicester City. Bright, aged 24, has been on loan for nearly three months.

● Manchester City have dismissed reports that they may sign Joe Jordan from Southampton. Jimmy Frizzell, City's manager, said: "I am more interested in the future of the club with young players and not a 35-year-old. If he were 25 it would be a different story."

Platt is understudy to busy Bingham for trip to Tel Aviv

By George Ace



Platt: surprise choice

Jim Platt, the player-manager of Coleraine, the Irish League club, has been appointed stand-in manager of the Northern Ireland team for next month's international against Israel in Tel Aviv.

Platt is Billy Bingham's recommendation to the Irish Football Association when he informed them last week that, owing to club commitments in Saudi Arabia, where he is under contract to the Al Naser club, and travel difficulties, he would be unable to be in Tel Aviv for the match. Bingham will select the team.

Platt, the understudy in two World Cups to Pat Jennings, was a surprise choice, though the former Middlesbrough goalkeeper has gained valuable managerial experience with Ballymena United and Coleraine since his return to Irish League football five years ago. He is also fully conversant with Bingham's methods.

In view of intense speculation regarding Bingham's future as part-time manager of Northern Ireland, a position he has occupied since 1979 with outstanding success, any other decision by the International Committee would have been seen as decisive.

Brooke in Dutch talks

Gary Brooke, Norwich City's unsentinel midfielder man yesterday travelled to The Netherlands for transfer talks with the Dutch first division club, Groningen. No fee has yet been agreed between the clubs and Brooke is to spend several days with Groningen before deciding whether to give the go-ahead for further negotiations.

Brooke, who joined Norwich at the start of last season, has made only 13 appearances

since his transfer from Tottenham Hotspur, none of them in the present campaign.

Ted McMinn, the Rangers winger, aged 24, has joined Seville for £225,000. He teams up again with Jack Wallace, the former Ibrox manager, now in charge of the Spanish first division club. Wallace paid Queen of the South £100,000 for McMinn, but he did not fit into plans of the new manager, Graeme Souness.

indefinitely but the inability of the IFA — purely on financial grounds — to offer him a full-time contract with a salary commensurate with the position places him in a difficult situation.

A further stint in the East would boost his Arab earnings for the two-season spell to close on £250,000. The IFA cannot speak that kind of language and, while the international committee may not warm to the idea of Bingham remaining in Saudi Arabia for another year, qualification for the finals of the 1990 World Cup in Italy remains the ultimate and immediate goal.

Denied the revenue from the defunct home international championship, participation in the last stages of the World Cup in Spain and Mexico provided the IFA with a source of income without which life would have been extremely difficult. Bingham's ability to rebuild and reshape Northern Ireland's football future is not in doubt, but whether even he is capable of performing that feat, if embroiled for another year with pressing problems thousands of miles away, remains a moot point.

A dropped point against Turkey and a comprehensive defeat by England at Wembley leave a near-miracle required to reach the final stages of the European Championship. And pressure for two good results in April against England and Yugoslavia at Windsor Park is building up.

It is a difficult situation for the IFA and Bingham and one can only hope it can be resolved to the satisfaction of both from the end of April and to the benefit of Northern Ireland football.

RUGBY UNION

Gosforth hit hurdles in plan to form super-club

By Michael Stevenson

The current principle motivating most City folk — if it moves, begin a merger — has not caught on in rugby union, though Liverpool's marriage to St Helens this season has proved an unqualified success.

It may be, however, that harsh financial necessities will force clubs to consider strange bedfellows; such a club, Gosforth, are the dominant force in the North-east, although they wish to travel a different road from Liverpool. Alan Christison, an enterprising Gosforth member and distinguished former referee, said: "Decay of rugby football in the area is linked to industry decay. The good players tend to leave. There's nothing to keep them."

Many clubs, Gosforth included, are heavily in debt, a problem that is compounded by geographical considerations — Gosforth run up a

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frightening travel bill to meet their obligations — while the financial problems of running a first division club are crippling, anyway. The annual running costs of Gosforth are estimated at about £70,000. Further headaches accrue from the lack of top-quality players and coaches.

Christison likens the situation to athletics: "The top-class athlete receives generous support and sponsorship. The jockers do not. For too long the jockers in rugby have received the same support as the cream."

Whether or not the jockers should not subsidize the cream, Gosforth are proposing that a "super club," probably

called "Newcastle", should be born. It would be fed by, they hope, all the clubs in the area. Gosforth would maintain autonomy by becoming one of these feeder clubs.

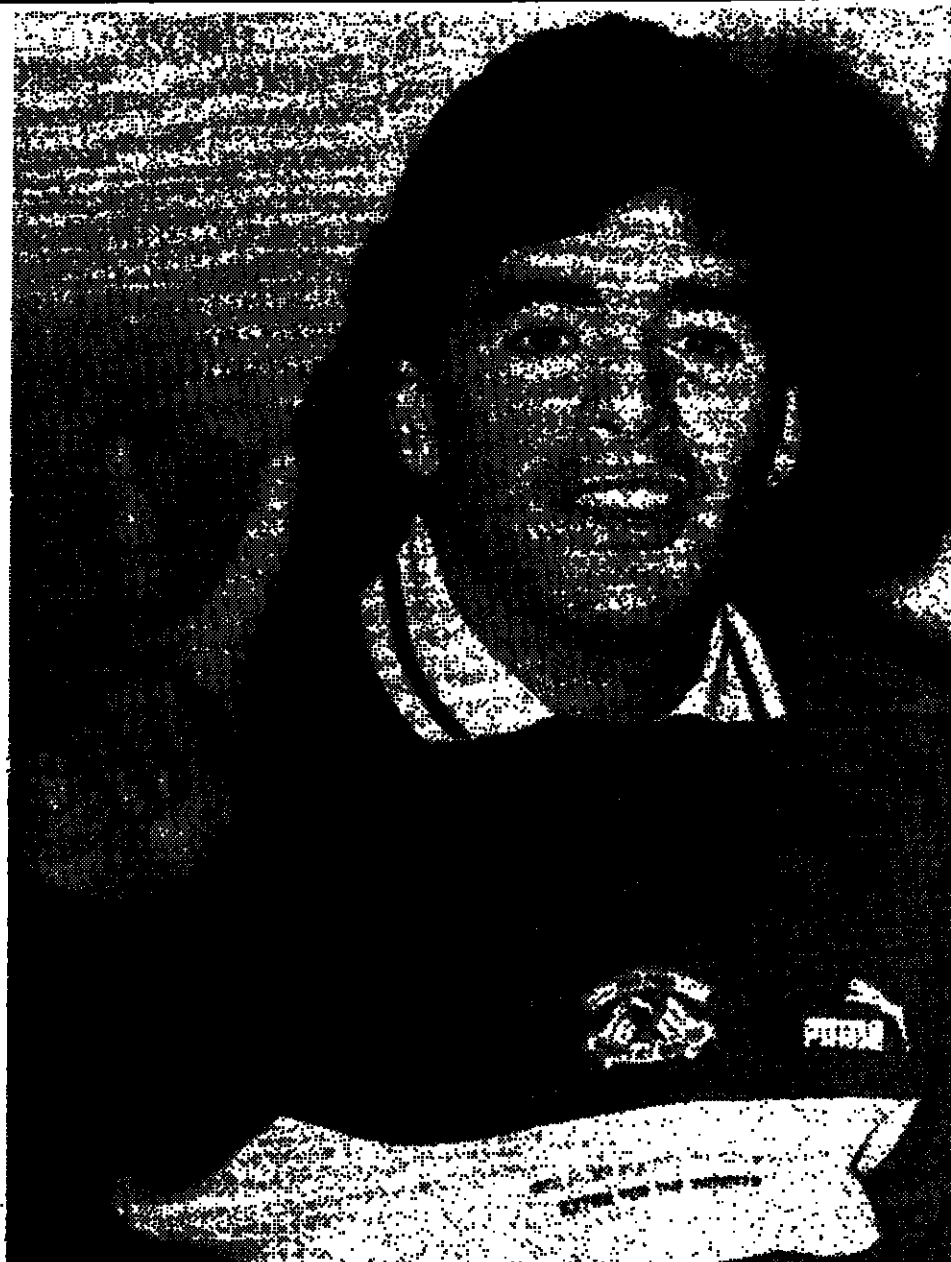
Gosforth's Great North Road ground will be sold, but the acquisition of planning permission is crucial. It is hoped that this transaction will produce about £1.5 million. The new club, if they ever see the light of day, would be assured of generous sponsorship from local businessmen and might well be situated at a 12-acre site at Keston Bank Foot, on which they have a two-year option.

The second meeting, held last Tuesday, saw some clubs like Tynesdale stay away. Some, like Northern, Gosforth's neighbour, have suggested strongly that the scheme is not for them.

During Tuesday's meeting, which was better attended than the first in November, there appeared to be a softening of attitudes and some private announcements contrasted significantly with what has been said in public.

The strongest counter-argument appears to be: "Gosforth didn't want help from us when they were winning the John Player Cup in 1976 and 1977. Do they really think they'll get it now that they're in trouble?"

Clearly, success breeds resentment and jealousy in any area where one club is pre-eminent, but let Christison have the final word: "Certainly there is no great love for Gosforth, but an increasing number of people think that there is a lot of sense in what is being proposed."



Injured pride: Diego Maradona (above), the Argentinian football captain, gives a victory sign after confirming that he will play at a charity match in Tokyo this weekend, despite being troubled by an injury to his left ankle. Maradona was carried off in some pain following a hard tackle in the second

half of the Italian League match between his side, Napoli, and Brescia on Sunday. A sprain and contusion were later diagnosed. The same ankle was fractured in 1983, when he was playing in Spain for Barcelona. Proceeds from the match go to the United Nations Children's fund (UNICEF).

ATHLETICS

Scots pair ready for Cosford

By a special Correspondent

A strip of "tartan" under the stand at Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh has provided the inspiration for a two-pronged Scottish attack on the AAA indoor 60 metres title at RAF Cosford on Saturday.

Healthy rivalry in training was translated into the keenest but most sporting of competition there last Sunday when two club mates, Elliot Bunney and Jamie Henderson, met in an indoor meeting organized by the Edinburgh Woolen Mill women's club.

The first of two 60 metre races provided the more significant result with Henderson, the UK senior outdoor 100 metres champion, although still only 17, recording his first win over his training partner, aged 20, who was the

1985 European junior 100 metres champion. Henderson's time of 6.70 seconds improved the British junior record of 6.75 seconds jointly held by Bunney and Mike McFarlane, who beat both of them in the Cosford Games the previous weekend.

Bunney, who later gained revenge over Henderson in the second race in a slightly slower time, was second in 6.72 seconds, his best effort so far for the distance and also a European indoor championship qualifying time. Wait till next weekend was his comment while Henderson was naturally delighted at his success.

Both athletes compete for Edinburgh Southern Harriers and are coached by Bob Inglis, a former personnel executive

with British Leyland at Bailligate who was made redundant when the factory closed and is now pursuing a career in coaching. His skills as a diplomat are often thoroughly exercised by his relationship with his two outstanding athletes.

But most people found it refreshing that not only were the close rivals willing to put their reputation to the test by racing head to head but to do it twice in one afternoon.

In the Cosford Games, Bunney was third and Henderson fifth and, allowing for the fact that the Meadowbank synthetic surface is perhaps marginally faster than Cosford, a Scottish one-two is not impossible on Saturday — but which way around?

SPORT IN BRIEF

Circuit facelift

Silverstone, the venue for the British Grand Prix for the next five years, will have a £1million facelift before the start of the 1987 season to improve facilities and provide greater safety for competitors and spectators. The work, which has already started, will improve access to the middle of the Northamptonshire circuit. The package will also include the re-shaping of Woodcote Corner and measures to help alleviate the traffic congestion which accompanies major meetings at the circuit. Forty new pit garages are also being constructed.

High kicker

Ronnie Green, a 28-year-old West Indian from Manchester, became the first British boxer to win a world kick-boxing championship when he outpointed Fujimoto in a 12-round junior welterweight title fight in Perth, Australia, last night. Green, proved more agile than the stocky Japanese fighter, who stood in for the injured American champion, Peter Cunniff.



Donnelly: five-year contract

A grand prix

Martin Donnelly, from Belfast, received the Collett motor racing trophy in London last night from the British formula one driver, Nigel Mansell. Donnelly, aged 22, also received a cash prize of £5,000 and a five-year contract from Collett. The awards recognize the talents of young racing drivers from Britain and the Commonwealth. The second and third prizes, worth £2,500 and £1,500, were won by Johnny Herbert and Gary Brabham, the son of former world motor racing champion, Sir Jack Brabham.

Swift return

Mark Elia, the St Helens centre and New Zealand international, could be playing rugby league again in three weeks. Elia returned to New Zealand last month, suffering a recurrence of hamstring trouble. But his injury has improved dramatically.

Back to help

Virginia Leng, the world and European three-day event champion, shrugged off the effects of a 15-hour trip from Bangkok to honour a long-standing debt in London yesterday. Mrs Leng attended a reception to announce a £1,000 grant to three of Britain's up-and-coming event riders. It was given by the British Horse Society-backed Horse Trials Support Group, who helped Mrs Leng when she was struggling to survive in the sport.

Half change

The Avignon scrum half, Patrick Estat, has been forced to withdraw through injury from the French team to play Great Britain at Leeds on Saturday in a rugby league international. He will be replaced by Daniel Dumas, of St Gaudens.

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